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## Northern Calif. Missionary Conference

The Northern California missionaries held a spiritual conference Feb. 13-15 in the Oakland ward chapel. President Thomas W. Gardner presiding. Luncheon was served by the Oakland Stake Relief Society Board.

Dr. Emery R. Ranker gave health hints based on the Word of Wisdom. He observed: (1) Processing and canning foods in his opinion extends the "Season thereof" (2) "Thankfulness" was illustrated by the normal peaceful digestion of a cat fed liver along with a metal that illumined the food as it was digested and as it was observed by the medical class. Then they beheld the static digestive condition produced when a dog came into the picture, and brought on fear, and drove out "thankfulness" in the cat. (3) Science has found that hot drinks are not good for man since ulcers and related conditions are apt to result when food is taken warmer than 150 degrees. But the Lord told this to his people over a hundred years ago.

Wendell B. Mendenhall, president of San Joaquin stake, said the way to get over periods of discouragement is to bear your testimony. Speak to anyone, even to a post, but tell of gospel truths and blessings.

He also told about his missionary work years ago in the Pacific Islands. Now his son, Paul, is on a mission to the same islands and writes his father of the great faith of the people. One day Paul and his companion rode thru the brush near the home of an old LDS lady, a convert of Paul's father. The elders called out in her language: "We are coming; greetings." She answered "Welcome home." She had dinner waiting and a bed ready.

Then she told them about an invalid lady in her home who had been sick for years, so ill sometimes they had to feed her. The elders held a prayer circle with relatives and friends, asking God to guide them in their supplications and blessings. The simple faith of those people was sufficient under the administration with oil. However, Paul was not able to sleep that night, and even shuddered from head to foot when he thought of the great promises he had sealed upon the afflicted one. Comfort came nevertheless to him before the elders left for other fields of labor.

When the elders returned months later their usual call was returned by the good old woman who immediately took them for miles thru the brush until they came to the home of the woman who had been ill. Now she was tending to her household duties.

President Mendenhall urged elders to develop the simple trusting faith of the Islander.



Liahona Club presented itself with a new set of officers at the January 28 meeting held in the usual place—the Colonial Cafeteria at 15th and Franklin streets, Oakland. Presiding was A. D. Erickson, who has served as president for two terms and who has done such a marvelous work for the construction of the Liahona's great mountain lodge on the Stanislaus.

From a good sized slate of candidates the following officers were elected for the year 1952: President, Dennis Lauper; First Vice President, Dr. Ronald Smith; Second Vice President, George Hall; Secretary, M. Dee Smith, incumbent; Treasurer, Oren Yorgason, incumbent.

Directors for the three districts elected are as follows: District I, (Berkeley stake): A. D. Erickson, chairman; Sam Scott, Del Rock, Leslie Stone, George Hall.

District II, Charles Mills, John Hughes, Elmo Smith, Ira Call and Charles Stamps.

District III, (Maxwell Park-Hayward and all between): Ross McClelland, Wm. B. Clement, Clyde Lindsay, Don Alphin and L. B. Duffin.

A suggestion came from Charles Stamps that the club draft A. D. Erickson as chairman of the Lodge committee. No direct action was taken.

The program of the evening consisted of the following. Address by Delbert A. Rock on "Free Agency and the Protection Which It Affords," three young ladies from Dimond ward sang two trio numbers. They were Donna Wilkinson, Eleanor Goodsell, Marie Pierce with Vernal Torgesen accompanist.

Bert Poulsen of the Artway Slip Cover Company was introduced by Herb Von Noy and Myron Christianson, a Safeway executive, was introduced by W. B. Clement.

Proposed amendments to the by laws were read by President Erickson and after discussion, were adopted unanimously. This includes an adjustment upward of the dues which takes effect immediately. A roster of the club is to be published by M. Dee Smith, vice president of the Robinson Brothers Mortuary. Paidup members up to April 1 will have their names included in the printed roster.

• A campaign to raise \$1,000,000, southern California's share of the Los Angeles temple which will cost \$4,000,000, has been launched with pledge cards being now distributed.

## MORMON MALE CHORUS



### Officers of Mormon Male Chorus

Photographed by Edward A. Pyle, Berkeley First Ward commercial photographer, at the Berkeley Stake Conference when the chorus furnished the music at the Sunday afternoon and intermission sessions, February 17, 1952, are, left to right: director Robert Sant; W. Paul Summerhaus; President Jack C. Fitzpatrick; Earl Phillips.

The chorus practices Mondays at 8 to 10 p.m. in the Dimond Ward chapel, 3618 Dimond Ave., Oakland. Those interested in singing with the chorus are invited to attend and meet the director Robert Sant for an interview.

### COMING ENGAGEMENTS

Monday, February 18th at Oak Knoll Hospital at 7:45 p.m.

Sunday March 2nd at the Oakland Blind Home at 8 p.m.

Sunday March 9th at 8 p.m. at the University of California Inter-Faith Conference in Wheeler Hall.

A request has come that the chorus sing at the Letterman General Hospital March 10th. At present this is tentative.

### Stories and Thoughts from Oakland Stake Conference

"One morning my companion and I were tracting and had had poor success. My companion stopped and said he had been impressed that we should go onto another street. We did this and at the first door a kind lady looked out at them and asked, "Who are you? I have been so confused in regard to religion, and have been praying that the Lord would send me light." The elders taught her the Gospel which she accepted with great gladness."—Told by Elder Curtis Finch.

"In Washington, D. C. we saw a serviceman healed after the doctors had told him there was no hope. This was through the fasting and united prayer of the missionaries and saints. . . . The fulltime missionaries who are laboring within the area of the organized stakes can do so much more if the local saints will cooperate with them in every way." Joyce Briscoe.

"After 45 wasted years spiritually I read the Book of Mormon and have been converted and rejoice in the glories of the Gospel."—C. Earl Wilson.

"I am a convert, when I studied the Gospel, I kneeled down beside my bed and asked God to reveal to me if it was true, and He did for His Spirit filled my being and I felt glorious and wept for joy. I bear you my testimony." William Martin.

"I was baptised when eight years old, and made deacon, then teacher and priest, and even went to the BYU; but I became negligent, and wandered in the dark for many years. I thank my wife and the saints who labored to bring me back." Morris Williams.

"Let us strive to have within us the educated heart, as well as to have an educated mind. . . . Humility and self-confidence are two good qualifications for stake missionaries."—Herbert Marsh.

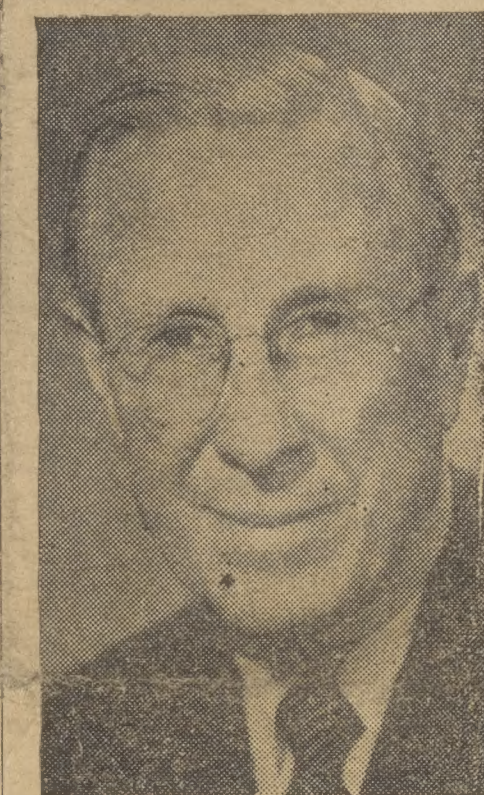
"Converts can make us appreciate the Gospel into which most of us were born. . . . Obedient saints, I observe, are strong in personality and character. What we have in the Gospel will make men better. We fail when we do not invite our every-day friends to go to Church with us. Many men and women are waiting for someone to invite them to accept better principles of living."

"Invite others to accept our way of life for in this we are neglectful. World leadership of this nation depends upon its awakening spiritually, even such groups as the American Legion (continued on page five)

## Berkeley Stake Hears Clifford E. Young, Assistant to the Twelve, and T. W. Gardner, President, No. Calif. Mission

With two special announcements of coming events, the stake's Youth Conference March 8, and the grand concert featuring the BYU Symphony Orchestra of 90 pieces at the Berkeley Community theatre, April 30, and with the formation of a new ward in the Concord area, the Stake's regular quarterly conference went onto history under sunny skies as one of the largest and best of conferences.

The sessions began with the largest Saturday evening priesthood meeting ever held in the stake, it is believed, since the united chapel and recreation hall were filled with the elders of the stake and their wives. A special effort had been rewarded in inviting all who held the office of elder in the stake to attend. Many new faces were seen. Talks by a formerly inactive but now happy and busy elder and by an elder's wife in the same class, were climaxed by



CLIFFORD E. YOUNG

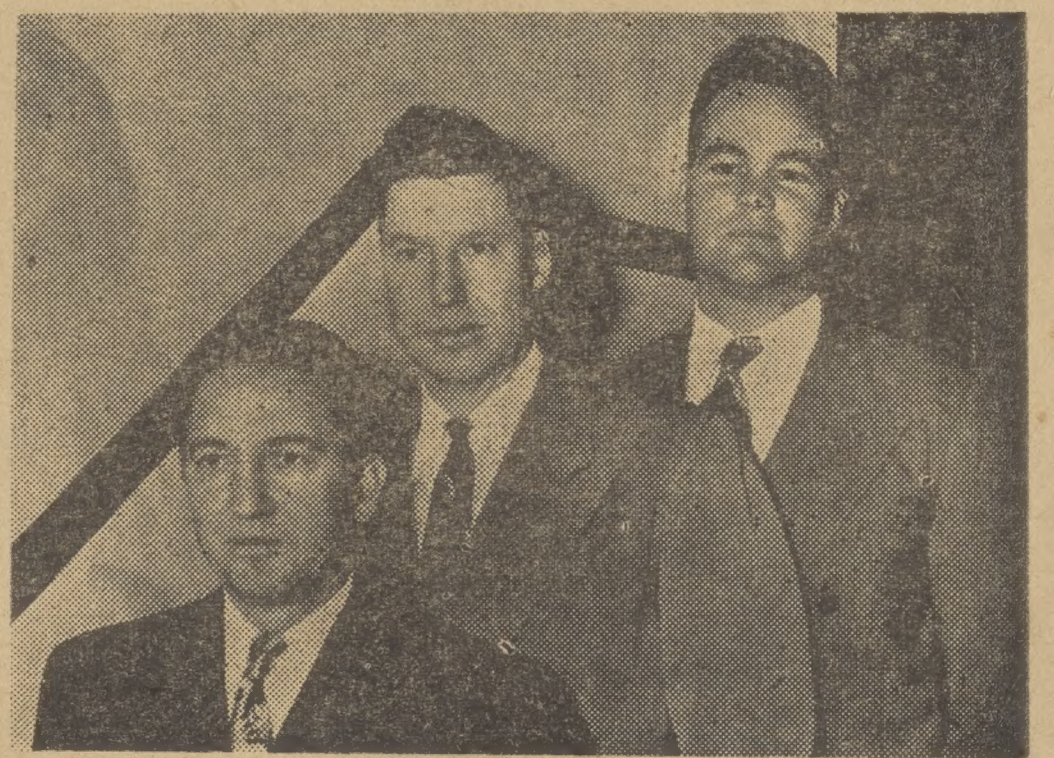
a sweetly spirited and appealing message from Elder Clifford E. Young, East Richmond choir led by Sister Esperson added much to the service.

Sunday sessions were led in congregational singing by stake chorister Nico D. Snel with Grace Boyack at the organ, but the main morning numbers came from the Second Ward choir under the baton of William W. Owens with Grace Boyack at the organ, while in the afternoon the Mormon Male Chorus did themselves in the total beauty of their three numbers led by Robert Sant with Donna Carter at the piano.

President Harmon began by reading a letter from the First Presidency asking that all questions of an intimate and personal nature by members should be directed not to the First Presidency but to the bishops of wards and the presidents of stakes who can know the details and advice under the inspiration of their office and callings. He then drew lessons from the current articles by Whittaker Chambers now appearing in the Saturday Evening Post, and contrasted the deduced communist point of view for achieving social reform with the point of view manifested in an other article printed in the same February 16th issue of the Post regarding the Mormon project of community welfare now going on at Springdale, Utah under the leadership of Bishop Madsen.

Heard in the various conference sessions besides President Young were the stake presidency, returned missionaries Claude Dewsnup and Joseph E. Wood, President Thomas N. Gardner of the Northern California Mission, Clyde Summerhays formerly of the Oakland stake presidency and now chief of agencies and a vice president of Beneficial Life Insurance company, Willard Ellis and Timothy Morley of the High Council, Clifford E. Young, Jr., Fred Hatt Jr., and Mrs. Milton Noe.

The bishopric of the new Concord ward consists of Ira Markham, bishop, with counselors in order James Christenson and J. B. Terry. For the present time the Concord Sunday School will meet in the Martinez chapel, staggering time with the Martinez ward. The sacrament meetings will be held in Concord. A quest for a proper meeting place in Concord will have to be made. George Moiser of Martinez was sustained a member of the wards bishopric with Grant Shaw being advanced to first counselor.



CONCORD WARD'S FIRST BISHOPRIC—Sustained February 17 to preside over the newly organized Concord ward, Berkeley stake, were, left to right: Bishop Ira J. Markham; James M. Christenson, first counselor; J. D. Terry, second counsellor. Elder Clifford E. Young, assistant to the Twelve, set the brethren apart.

—Photo by Ed Pyle.

## Approaching Appearance of the BYU Enlarged Orchestra in Berkeley's Community Theatre Rouses Great Enthusiasm Throughout the East Bay

### 4-Stake Management, Editorial Committee Set Up for Messenger

One of the most important actions for the welfare of the Messenger of Northern California was taken at a special meeting called to meet in the San Francisco office of President W. Glenn Harmon, Delbert F. Wright of Oakland stake made the call.

Appointed to represent the presidencies of the four stakes on a five-man committee for management and editorial supervision of the Messenger were named the following:

Berkeley stake J. Edward Johnson; Oakland stake, Albert Heiner; San Francisco stake, Miles Burgess; Santa Rosa stake, Bryan S. Knowlton; Isaac B. Ball is the fifth member of the committee. Albert Heiner was named chairman for the current year.

The deliberations of the committee are to be conducted in monthly meetings so as to give rather close and helpful supervision of all the phases of the paper, financial, circulation and advertising, editorial and news gathering. This move has been urged by the editor for many years and the feeling is that the paper will soon show the improvement that naturally comes from the thinking of such excellent minds as are represented by the appointments.

### Bus. News Notes

• We are wondering what we may say that will be influential in persuading LDS to take their sewing machine business to our real expert LDS sewing machine dealers, Charles Mills, 4231 Telegraph avenue, or to L. S. Williams at 858 East 14th Street, San Leandro. Of course if one is going to buy a Singer there is one place for that, the Singer stores and Charles Mills who also sells any domestic machines. But for all other domestic and imported machines we should like to point out the largest display and the finest personal service at the East Bay's finest sewing machine store called the "Sewing Machine Center" and run by Brother Williams at San Leandro. He excels such stores as Bruners and Capwell's in variety of display, and in personal service. His prices are on the same base, as you may learn by phoning about, but he will allow LDS 5 per cent discount on any Necchi or Pfaff or other imported zigzag machines, and 10 per cent off on any domestic machine. These Necchi and Pfaffs (Italian and German inventions) are the wonder machines that will sew on buttons, make button holes, zigzag, applique and monogram as well as straight sewing. On these he offers free one year's service on the machine and one year's free instruction in the home as needed. Bro. Williams will call and sell anywhere in the whole east bay. His phone is toll free Trinidad 2-5870. He will make the best trade-in allowance also. He is a pleasant and most skilled machine man, having had 25 years and more of training and experience including San Francisco and Salt Lake City. See his add on page 5, the Messenger.

The whole Berkeley-Oakland area is showing marked signs of mounting appreciation and high expectations at the prospect of another brilliant evening in Berkeley's beautiful new Community auditorium. On the night of April 30 (Wednesday), Berkeley stake will proudly present an 80-piece orchestra from the Brigham Young university.

This talented and highly trained symphony orchestra will perform under the gifted baton of Professor Sardoni who is spending a year at the church university in Provo. He is leading this group of young musicians on tour through Nevada and Northern California in March and April.

President W. Glenn Harmon stresses the fact that if the membership of just Berkeley stake would patronize this outstanding affair on the last evening in April the 3500 seats in Berkeley's great theatre will be sold out well in advance.

Prices will be kept within the reach of the saints generally and a strong appeal is now made for every one to rally to this benefit event so as to make it a memorable financial and cultural date in the memory of our East Bay. Tickets may be secured through the bishops of the wards and their committees, and by calling Delbert A. Rock, chairman, Berkeley 7-6733 or writing him at 48 Shattuck Square, Berkeley.

## Sunday School 2-Stake Convention

The Deseret Sunday School Union has set Sunday, March 16, as the date for the Berkeley and Oakland Stake Sunday School convention, to be held in the Berkeley ward chapel. Berkeley will act as host.

At the morning session from 10 to 12, all superintendents and secretaries, as well as Junior Sunday school coordinators, are urged to be present. In the afternoon from two to four, 100 per cent of the Sunday school officers and teachers should be present.

We are looking forward to an edifying and inspirational convention.

## San Francisco Sports, Travel and Boat Show

Feb. 29 to March 9, 1952

### Civic Auditorium

Why not visit the San Francisco Sports, Travel and Boat show which is being held in the Civic auditorium from February 29-March 9?

Besides the customary displays there will be a continuous sportmen's show and exhibit worth seeing. There will be a section for trailers and we understand Don L. Kimball, (E. Richmond ward), the largest trailer dealer in the Bay Area, is now displaying three new creations by Pan American and Terra Cruiser.

These trailers impress us as truly "homes on wheels." You will find large living rooms, private bedrooms, showers, bathtubs, apartment stoves, electric refrigeration and hot water, as well as being finished in highly polished birch. Do not miss seeing these fine trailer homes. A hostess in each trailer to answer questions.

## Bay Area Dance Institute Plans June District Dance Festival

An MIA dance institute for the stake leaders of the Bay Area District was held at Dimond Ward, Oakland Stake, on Saturday, February 9. Stakes represented were Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, Palo Alto, Santa Rosa, and Fresno. Marlon Simons, District Dance Supervisor, conducted the institute and provided instruction in basic dance steps and in several of the exhibition dances composed by MIA general board members. The exhibition dances taught are among those to be featured at the all-church festival in June, in Salt Lake City.

The institute was planned with several aims in mind: that the stake and ward dance leaders of the Bay Area stakes might meet one another and share experience and problems; that further institutes and a district dance festival be discussed; and that more of the June Festival dances be learned. On all of these items the institute was considered to be very successful.

In the discussion, plans were developed for a district dance festival early in June, tho the time and place are not yet settled.

It was the desire of the dance leaders in the Bay Area to provide opportunity for the development of creative ability through participation in exhibition numbers, in ward, stake and district festivals.

• Bishop F. E. Johnson of North Park ward, San Diego died February 7 from burns received when a boiler exploded in the laundry establishment which he owned and operated in San Diego.

## Annual Convention All Bay Area Camps DUP Met Feb. 27

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers held their annual convention for the East Bay area—San Francisco, San Mateo, San Jose and Palo Alto and surrounding camps on Wednesday February 27, 1952. Meetings were held at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Alameda chapel, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, at Grand and Encinal streets.

Visitors from Salt Lake City included Kate B. Carter, who is well known for her numerous volumes of early pioneer history, "Heart Throbs of the West." Alameda county will act as host for the 1952 convention. Mrs. Cleo Ricks, county president, conducting.

An interesting program has been arranged and had included several pioneer relic displays throughout the building.

Mrs. Jessie Lund of Elmhurst was in charge of the music. Melva Rainey of Oakland, vice captain, was in charge of the luncheon which was served in the recreation hall at noon. Grace Harkins, secretary, assisted with the details.

The county officers urged all members to attend this convention as they will be given much important information. The ladies of Alameda were asked to wear their pioneer dresses and their sunbonnets if they have them. A large crowd from all the camps attended.



# BERKELEY STAKE SECTION

## E. Richmond Ward

By IRMA BLEDSOE

### BISHOP'S MESSAGE

"Like to be a missionary in the comfort of your own home? Like to see that the whole world hears of our wonderful gospel, as was promised? Then help us keep our full-time missionaries in the field by contributing NOW to our very flattened Ward Budget and enjoy the exalted feeling of knowing you have helped when help was needed most."

### WARD NEWS

Set apart as Ward Missionaries this month were Don Turner, Malcolm Davis, Joseph Grantham and Ellis Hopkins, making a total of 11 altogether and filling our quota of two per cent of ward population.

Have you noticed how our Primary is growing? Thank you, little missionaries, for bringing your little friends; and thank you parents.

The Relief Society is celebrating its 110th Anniversary in March with a night of dinner and dancing. Watch for the date.

The cast has been chosen for the new Mutual play, "The Family Epistle," directed by your professional artist, Mr. Witherby. Watch for the date; you'll have the time of your life.

We are justly proud of our steadily increased attendance at Sacrament Meeting. Our missionary work is paying off.

Can you sing? Then join our newly organized choir, under the able direction of Leola Esperson. The choir sang two numbers Saturday evening at the Stake Quarterly Conference and hope to compete in the Stake Choir Festival April 20.

An eight piece orchestra has been engaged for our Green Ball March 7. Don't miss it!

The Junior Fireside, under direction of Bro. and Sis. Engel, held a very successful party at the Rod and Gun club, Saturday night. Bowling, dancing and games, plus refreshments were enjoyed by the young people.

A very enlightening talk was given by Bro. Tom Ferguson in Sacrament Meeting on Archeology and how it is proving the Book of Mormon; Archeology is Bro. Ferguson's hobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton Brough are the very proud parents of their first child, a boy, born February 7. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGill also report a new addition, Cindy Lee, born February 1. Robert is stationed in Hawaii, and Dagna hopes to join him there in two months. Godspeed.

Already we miss Tom and Louise Huntamer and family, who have moved into their new home in Orinda. Louise has been president of the YLMA, also president of Primary.

We are losing Mr. and Mrs. Cull Reson, who are moving to the Southern part of the state, where Bro. Reson is employed. Thelma is leaving vacant the presidency of the Relief Society and will be greatly missed as will Cull for his missionary work.

We welcome the family of Calvin Clyde, who purchased the home of Bob Richardson on Richmond street.

March 5th thru 10 are banner days for Bert Leavitt of the Bishopric. As president of the Producers' Club of the Clary Multiplier, he and other members have been feted with an all expense trip to Los Angeles and Old Mexico. Membership is attained only by a very few, and Bert has the distinction of being Charter Member No. 1 in the Club.

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## Gems of Thought from Berkeley Stake Conference, February 16-17, 1952

### From Berkeley Conference

With God there is no difference between the temporal and the spiritual affairs of life. Brigham Young said that no man should go merchandising, or farming, or consoling without the Lord go with him. We can hardly be good saints unless we take proper care of the so-called temporalities of life.—President Harmon.

Tolstoy said "No one who injures another can learn the extent of that mistake until he tries to rectify it." Remember a soft answer turneth away wrath.

The law of Moses said, "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people." It has been said, where there is no wood the fire goes out; so where there is no talebearer the fault dies out. . . . Don't buy homes so expensive you can't pay for them. Be cautious about such luxurious buying as for T V sets, autos, automatic washers, etc.—President Clifford E. Young.

I love the attitude of this people toward temporal things, but there is another thing that is very precious. When Jesus said, "My peace I leave with you." He was saying something that is as real as life itself, and not just imaginary.—Clifford E. Young.

President Gardner told the story that recently came to him from Doctor Brockbent of Petaluma, involving a stalwart stand of a California LDS youth in paying his tithes, and the wonderful after-effects that are even now developing from that example. This story the Messenger will try to gather in its details and print in a later issue.

Every man has a right to his opinion but he has no right to be wrong as to his facts. . . . We can't go on as a nation living on borrowed money with our heads in the clouds.—Clifford E. Young.

### Rodeo Branch News

By MARGIE HAYDEN.

BRANCH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
It is always a pleasure to attend our stake conference every three months. If I have pressing problems I find an answer and stimulation in the message brought by the visiting brother.

So too is it when I attend Sacrament Meeting in our Branch. I come away from one of these spiritual feasts without learning something new, or having my testimony increased, I feel as if I had failed.

We should all attend our Sacrament Meetings. It is the one meeting that is commanded. The Branch Presidency feel to urge you good people to come to our Sacrament Meetings. They are held for your benefit. Things are brought out there—the Gospel, the lives of our leaders and incidents of the growth of the Kingdom—all of which is priceless information and testimony inspiring.

The Church, strictly speaking, might be able to get along without us, but we cannot get along without the Church. We need it.

We are spending part of eternity now. Are we banking our treasures in heaven, to enrich us in that glorious time when we will be again in His presence?

We in this Branch are leading the stake in some things; in other duties we are lacking. Let us meet this next Sunday, and every Sunday hereafter at Sacrament Meeting, to renew our covenants and partake of the Spirit of the Lord; it will be with us.

May the Lord bless you to the end that the righteous desires of your hearts will be answered.

Our Branch welcomes two new members, Charla Joy Waite and Larry Stanworthy. Charla Joy is the new daughter of Charles and Nellie Waite, and Larry's parents are Thirl and Nellie Stanworthy. Congratulations!

Relief Society's bid was accepted by the Chamber of Commerce for the serving of their annual banquet. This was a profitable project, too much hard work was required to make it a success. Many members helped, but special praise is deserved by four sisters who worked all day: Geneva Wanlass, Relief Society president; Elsie Smith, Hope Pitt and Margaret Lott. Thanks also to the Priesthood members who lent a helping hand and Chick Ellsworth, husband of one of our converts, who washed most of the dishes.

Clyde Redmon has been sustained first counselor in our Sunday School superintendency.

We are very happy to have three newly baptized converts among our numbers: Sisters Price and Chavaley and Brother Littlejohn.

The Vallejo ward's gain is our loss. Brother and Sister Oscar Ray have moved there. Sister Ray has been a diligent worker in our Primary. We will miss them.

Fulltime missionary, Elder Eugene Talbot, having completed his mission, has returned to his home in Preston, Idaho. We have with us now Elder Keith Beazer, from Idaho Falls, who is laboring with Elder Harold Gammon.

Two of our young men have been ordained to the Aaronic priesthood into the office of deacon: Denton Felton and William Lenzi.

Clark Falls' brother-in-law, Morton Luman from Boise, Idaho, is a visitor in the Falls home. Brother

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## Berkeley Stake Social and Activity Calendar

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Saturday 8—Aaronic Priesthood Award Night, Berkeley, 8 p.m.

Friday 14—Rodeo Branch Gold and Green Ball, Rodeo, 9 p.m.

Friday 21—Martinez Gold and Green Ball, Martinez, 9 p.m.

Friday 21—Richmond Gold and Green Ball, Richmond, 9 p.m.

\*Saturday 22—Berkeley First Ward Bazaar, Berkeley, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 29—Lucky Clover Dance, Berkeley, 8 p.m.

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\*Tuesday 1—Stake Speech Contest, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.

Friday 13—Berkeley Stake Gold and Green Ball, Richmond Municipal Auditorium, 9 p.m.

Saturday 26—Adult Aaronic Priesthood Party, Berkeley.

### BERKELEY STAKE MEETING CALENDAR

MARCH 1952

Monday 3—Claremont Ward Conference Starts.

Wednesday 5—Stake Family Night, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.

Friday 7—Berkeley Stake Relief Society Meeting, Berkeley, 1:00 p.m.

\*Wednesday 12—Claremont Wd. MIA Conference, Berkeley 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 15—Stake Priesthood Meeting, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday 16—Interstake Sunday School Convention.

Monday 17—Berkeley Stake MIA Leadership, Martinez, 7:30 p.m.

Monday 24—Walnut Creek Ward Conference Starts.

Thursday 27—Walnut Creek Ward MIA Conference.

\*Corrected date.

## Berkeley Stake News

### MIA NEWS GOLD & GREEN BALLS

March is another busy month for stake and ward Mutual boards and members. In addition to the usual number of regular meetings each ward will be holding will be its ward Gold and Green ball, and also preparing for the stake Gold and Green ball scheduled for Friday, April 18, at the Richmond Municipal auditorium.

### AARONIC AWARD NIGHT

Stake MIA officers are planning to visit Walnut Creek and Claremont wards for the annual ward conferences to be held this month. In addition several of the members are planning to participate in the annual youth award night of the Aaronic priesthood to be held in Berkeley on March 8.

### BAY AREA DANCE INSTITUTE

MIA Dance Institute, under the direction of Marlon Simons, District Dance Supervisor was conducted February 9 for all dance leaders of the Bay Area District. It was held at Dimond Ward in Oakland Stake.

Stake dance leaders present included representatives from Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, Palo Alto, Santa Rosa and Fresno stakes. Instruction was given in basic dance steps and several of the exhibition dances to be featured in the All-Church Dance Festival in Salt Lake City during the MIA June Conference.

Included in the institute was a five hour dance session and discussion period in which the problems and plans of stake dance leaders were aired. They also developed plans for a District Dance Festival to be held in June. Preliminary plans provide for exhibitions of ballroom, folk, and square dancing. Date of the festival and the place will be announced later, according to Brother Simons.

The institute accomplished its purpose, Brother Simons declared. It gave (1) opportunity for stake and ward dance leaders to get acquainted; (2) exchange of ideas and plans to make dancing a creative expression as well as to furnish recreation.

### ANNUAL ROAD SHOW

Berkeley Stake's annual road show, presented last month at Berkeley and Martinez, was the best one yet offered, in the opinion of most who saw the performances.

It was particularly noted that the efforts of the wards to improve theme, presentation and preparation were effective.

Berkeley, Claremont and Pittsburg wards were rated as "Excellent" for "Pass That Peace Pipe," "Pyamus and Thisby," and "Under the Big Top."

"Good" ratings were awarded to Walnut Creek and Richmond wards for "Valentine Varieties" and "Teachings of Christ."

For their splendid efforts in "Milady's Purse" and "The Persecuted Maiden" Martinez ward and Rodeo Branch were awarded "Honorable Mention."

Three judges rated each act independently on the basis of definite accomplishment standards, theme, best use of talent, entertainment value, timing, direction, lighting, number of participants, and other factors.

The participants may be proud of their efforts.



Shown above are residents W. Glenn Harmon, and Emery R. Ranker of the Berkeley Stake Presidency in their surprise K. P. assignment at the Stakes great Melchizekek Priesthood Leadership Banquet and party held in Berkeley, January 25, 1952. In the background are Denzil Allen and Delbert Rock of the High Council. Dr. Ream was there also. Cleverly arranged games filled out one of the best planned and most enjoyable socials ever held in Berkeley stake. Photo by Ed Pyle.

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## Martinez Ward News

By GERTHA BROWN.

### BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear members, Your bishopric has been urged recently in a special letter from our stake presidency to do all that is possible to encourage attendance at Sacrament meetings. This is the spiritual meeting of the Church where we hear our best sermons on gospel principles, partake of the Sacrament, and renew our covenants with the Lord.

Only an average of 20 per cent of our membership are in attendance. In Doctrine and Covenants 59:9, the Lord says, "And that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy Sacraments upon My holy day." We have a responsibility as members, who have covenanted to keep the Lord's commandments. Let us attend our Sacrament meetings more faithfully and bring a full car with us.

### RELIEF SOCIETY NEWS

The Harry Hults rejoice over their first grandchild, a little girl born to their daughter, Venita Harrieth. Alice Hanson, former Relief Society president, is convalescing from a major operation. . . . Mr. and Mrs. William Jarman of Los Angeles were recent guests at the Saint home; Sarah is Bob's sister.

La Dene Jeppson gave a most interesting talk in costume on her visit to her son in Hawaii at the January 31st meeting. . . . Rachel Starr is recovering nicely from surgery.

Hertha Vom Dorp and her mother, Mrs. Pauline Niebuhr, recently spent a week visiting Hertha's sister in L. A. Stanley Dahlin, Jr., was the driver of the car.

Five Relief Society stake board members, Sisters Maybelle Anderson, Grace Hopkins, Nedra Lundberg and Edna Brinton and Mary Dunham, visited us February 7.

The MIA road show was an outstanding show and Martinez had a worthy act, "Milady's Purse," directed by Lou Swenson, was a gay musical with a cast of about 25 Mutual teenagers.

The Boy Scouts had a busy time this month; on February 8, in the general Scout program with a skit; Sunday morning, February 10, a Scout breakfast at the Church.

The MIA Maids had luncheon with Mrs. Willis, their leader, at the El Nido then on to Hotel Claremont.

### PRIMARY

All of the Home Builder girls and four of their mothers attended the wonderful Stake Mother and Daughter party Saturday, February 9.

### PRIESTHOOD

The deacons' quorum is active in the basketball program at the Mt. Diablo high school gym on Saturdays. They played Pittsburg on February 16.

### WEDDING BELLS

Walter Lee, son of George and Wilma Lee, married the lovely Michale Flint on January 27.

Sandra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker, married Corporal Don Geddes on February 16.

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# BERKELEY STAKE SECTION

## Berkeley First Ward Grand Bazaar Mar. 22

Everyone is urged to start making things to sell at our grand bazaar. Crowds will enjoy a great evening of sociability and valuable bargain Sat. March 22.

## Berk. Stake News

**By Anna Patton**  
Our last stake conference was refreshing, stimulating, and highly profitable to the thousand who attended, and many whom they contacted with the conference messages. Yet, we fear that these inspirational outpourings are frequently missed by those whose spirits could greatly join also in the wealth that comes to the human soul when communing together with the Lord in His appointed gatherings.

In the last two stake conferences somewhat of a new procedure has been instituted, namely that of having a half-hour of inspiring music from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. The chapel was full at 1:35, and the quiet that prevailed in good part evidenced the appreciation of the people. With all the unusual talent for music that we have in our stake it seems probable that this 30 minutes of melody will become an integral part of our stake conferences.

Elders Claude Dewsnup and Joseph E. Wood gave brief reports of their recently completed missions. It seemed very good to have these brothers as well as men. He carries samples and a picture catalog.

Jack Lee, proprietor of the Jack Lee Used Cars, 1601 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, formerly of San Francisco stake, comes in—(continued on page six)

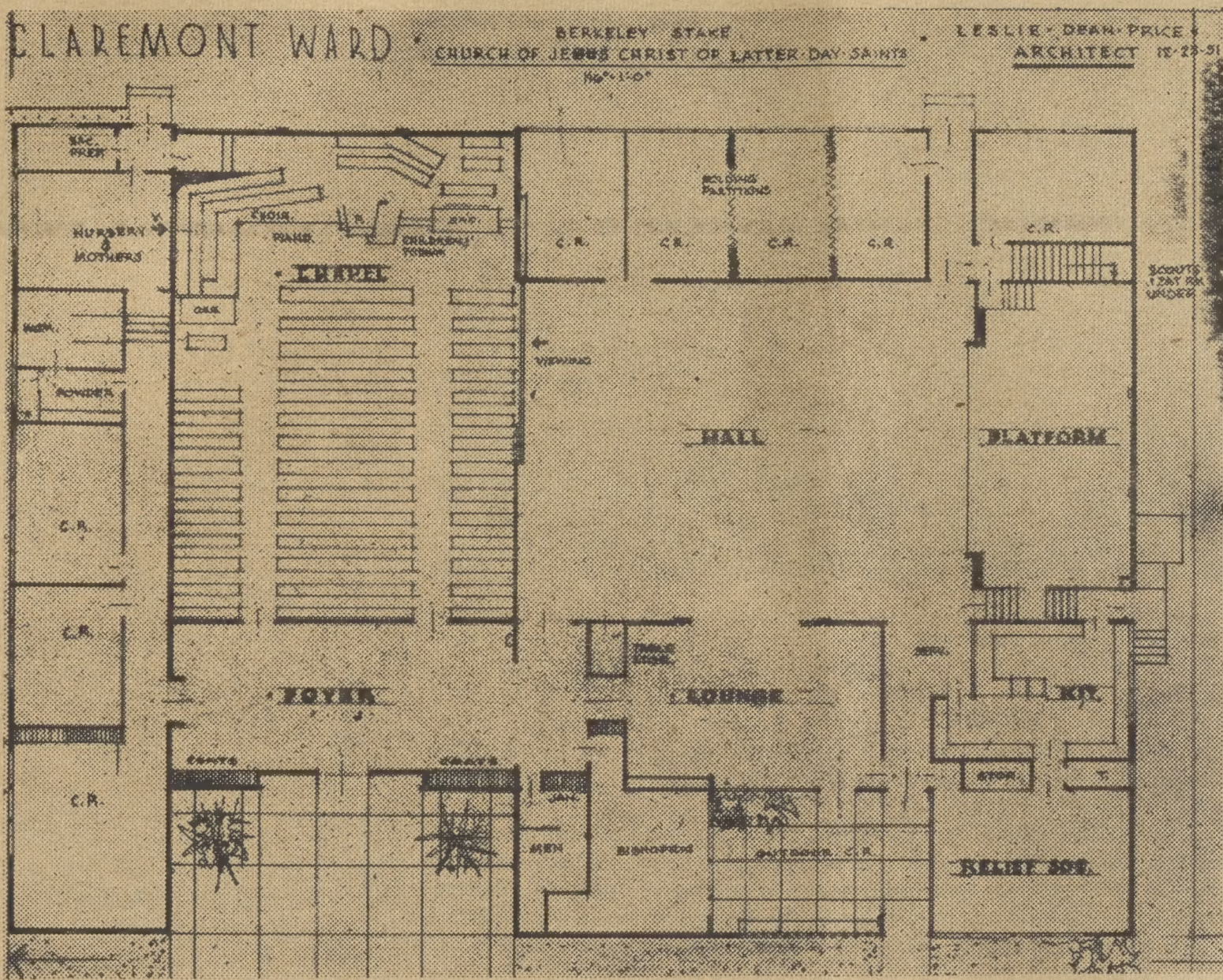
## Bus. News-Notes

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## Ned P. Clyde Elected President East Bay Structural Engineers

Ned P. Clyde, Berkeley's young consulting civil engineer with Clyde and Associates at 3405 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, has recently been elected president of the East Bay Structural Engineering Society. Ned as served as president of Berkeley's YMMIA and is active in church work, and also in the Berkeley Jr. Chamber of Commerce.

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## LDS Institute of Religion, Berkeley

The University of California has entered the spring semester this past week. Among the late additions to the University Mormon colony are James Greenhalgh of Nephi, Utah; Mary Ellis and Art Nicolayson from Berkeley high school.

The following Lamba Delt made a three day ski trip to the California lodge this week: Nadine Stoddard, Morris Cline, Bruce Merrill, Martha Braby, Katherine Kenner, Jo Ann Sharp, Margaret Kimber, Ruth Caine, Charmaine Guthrie, Joyce Thomas, Marilyn Hemphill, Joan Barber, Dave Fry, Richard Evans, Woodrow Bates, Dorothy Harker, Rulon Van-Wagenen, Gene Bramhall, Dean Madsen, Doug Stone, Eunice Smith, Lee Adams, Leo Gill, Ken Schneider, Louise Jeppson, Cal Simons, Lyle Trammell and Bob Larson.

Gene Weatherbee, our Lamba Delt vice president, and Melvin Ogden have transferred from here to the UCLA.

Our very gifted pianist, Theron Butler, has transferred from Cal to BYU.

Georgia Jensen has withdrawn from school; she and Warren Blossil, also a Cal student, were married this month in the Mesa temple. They will live in Santa Monica.

Doug Pimental, a convert to—(Continued on page six)

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## Berkeley 2nd Ward

### BISHOP'S MESSAGE

(delayed January copy)  
At the end of the year business men prepare their profit and loss statements to determine if their operations for the past year were profitable. Perhaps each of us gave 1951 some reflection on December 31, with some resolutions for improvement in 1952. Well, January has now been recorded in history, and it may be wise to reflect a little to determine if our plans for the year are working out.

As a group, the Berkeley Second ward made some progress in 1951 over 1950. The members made budget contributions sufficient to pay the maintenance bills of the ward; there was an increase in tithing and fast offerings and we paid our welfare budget in full, but our building fund contributions were not sufficient to pay the amount assigned to our ward by the stake presidency. We hope this balance can be made up shortly. We deeply appreciate the good work the members of the ward have done which make this report possible.

We appreciate the good attendance we have had at sacrament meetings usually, but there are far too many who are missing the benefits of this most important meeting. Let us all plan to attend more regularly in 1952. The ward teachers have kept the ward at or near the top in percentage of families visited among the wards of the stake. The Sunday school, MIA, Primary and Relief Society, and Genealogical committee officers and teachers are working hard to provide classes and programs which will be instructive and entertaining. Let us take advantage of the opportunities for development in 1952. If you haven't started yet, start now.

The church was organized to teach the gospel to the people of the world, to prepare us to live happily here, and to work our exaltation in the world to come. It is no small thing that our Heavenly Father and His Son both came to earth to usher in this great work. Let us be appreciative of this great blessing. Let us live so faithfully that our

lives may be a light to our associates, and that we may be worthy of the blessings which our Father has in store for the faithful in 1952.

Read section 130 of Doctrine and Covenants.

Berkeley Second ward deacons' quorum presidency was recently reorganized with the following officers: Edward Hadley, president; Bradley Derr, first counselor and Richard Jensen, second counselor and Gary Liotta as secretary. The quorum recently won stake-wide recognition and an excursion trip to the Dodge plant in East Oakland for their outstanding work. The trip and competition was sponsored by the Stake Aaronic Priesthood committee.

## Berkeley First Ward

By Marilyn Harmon Everett

### BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The coming month brings the preparation and presentation of our annual ward welfare carnival and bazaar, which will be held Saturday, March 22. It will follow the theme of a Hawaiian hula. Former Bishop LeRoy B. Gardner is the general chairman, and has as assistant chairman Les Stone and Del Rock. Each of the quorums, all the auxiliary organizations and others have been fully organized and are preparing interesting booths and entertainment for the occasion.

Several committee meetings have been held to date and we can be assured a very fine affair is being planned for our enjoyment. Remember, this is the only time we will have to raise funds for our welfare budget, and we sincerely hope all the ward members will support it wholeheartedly. The welfare program is getting well established, and it is only through our best efforts that we will be able to carry it on the way the Lord would have it.

Our Relief Society members have been doubly busy. Besides sewing bakers for their booth at the Mar. 22 bazaar, where fancywork, jams and pies will be offered, they are—(Continued on page 6)

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The flour mill recently purchased by the High Priests Quorum has finally been installed and began operation Saturday, February 9th. The mill, driven by a 3 h.p. electric motor, represents a capital investment of some \$550.00. It has been installed at the welfare center in a portion of the shed annex which has been enclosed, and especially equipped to handle the project.

The High Priest's Quorum plans to have an operator there every Saturday from eight to twelve noon until further notice to mill grain purchased by Stake members. It is pointed out that those having whole grain on hand may bring it in and have it milled for 5c per pound. Those who do not have the grain may purchase the ground whole wheat flour at the mill for eleven cents per pound.

It is the intent of the High Priest's Quorum to expand their activities in the near future. At the present time they are equipped to deliver sugar at 11c per pound, the best grade of grain for storage at 5c per pound. They expect before long to add rice, beans and honey to the items for supply to Stake members. You will not only save money by patronizing this quorum project, but you will assist a very worth-while endeavor.

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# Oakland Stake Section

## Oakland Stake Social Calendar

March 1—Saturday—Bazaar, Alameda.  
 March 4—Tuesday—Speech Festival, Dimond.  
 March 8—Saturday—Friendly Dinner, Oakland.  
 March 14—Friday—Stake Relief Society Party—Contact Wd. Officer.  
 March 15—Saturday—247 Quorum of Seventies Social, Alameda.  
 March 20—Thursday—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Elmhurst.  
 March 21—Friday—Gold and Green Ball, Dimond.  
 Gold and Green Ball, Maxwell Park.  
 Castro Valley Social, Castro Valley.  
 March 28—Friday—Lucky Clover Dance, Elmhurst.  
 April 4—Friday—Gold and Green Ball, Alameda.  
 Teen Gold and Green Ball, Hayward.  
 April 11—Friday—Special Interest Frolic, Undecided.

For exact starting times and place for the above activities, please contact your local ward MIA officers.

Saturday night dances will be held every Saturday at Elmhurst ward until April 1st; after April 1st they will be held at Alameda ward.

### Maxwell Park Ward

Do you have your tickets for the Oakland Stake Spotlights Varieties? If not, you had better get them right away. There will be singing, comedy, vaudeville and dancing, with a cast of 50, including the best talent in Oakland stake, both amateur and professional. This will be the biggest and best show given in Oakland stake this year, so don't miss it. Remember, it will be held Saturday, March 29, at the Scottish Rite temple at 8:15 p.m. There will be entertainment for the entire family with a snappy program and no waiting between acts. It's for the Maxwell Park ward building fund, so plan to attend and take all your friends.

The Primary is announcing their project of saving silverware coupons to help the Relief Society obtain some much needed silver. The coupons can be found on the following items: Bisquick, General Mills appliances, Betty Crocker cake mixes, Crustquik, Soft-as-Silk flour, cereals, etc. There is a box to the rear of the hall where the coupons may be deposited. The Primary would like any other wards who do not need the coupons, to contribute them.

The Primary has had a change in the presidency. Mary Bybee was released as president, along with Blanche Henderson as first counselor and Janice Dent as second counselor. Ardelle Woods was sustained as the new president, with Sister Henderson still serving as first counselor and Irene Harris as second counselor.

John Dayley was released from the bishopric February 3, with James Nackos taking his place. We hope that Brother Dayley will soon be well enough to join with us again in our ward activities.

Carolyn Williams has been in the Children's hospital in San Francisco having an operation. She will be there for several weeks, so if anyone is over that way, why don't you drop in and see her?

The ward has been enjoying the visit of William Eli and Georgiana Hawkins from Tremonton, Utah. They have been visiting their daughter, LaReal Moody and son, Grant Hawkins.

Bea Larsen recently had a visit from Clyde and Sarah Summerhays of Salt Lake City. While here Bro. Summerhays took the Berkeley ward conference and sang with the Mormon Male Chorus for their numbers at the conference.

Word has been received from Gill Jacobson, saying he has arrived in Weisbaden, Germany, located on the Rhine river. He is attending Maryland university there on his days off, as well as taking a German class once a week.

The Junior Gleaners held their Silver Gleaner comaraderie Feb. 8. The invitations, programs, decorations and even the refreshments were silver and white. The mothers of the girls and the class teachers were presented with corsages. Helen Roberts, the stake Junior Gleaner leader, Barbara Martin, Lee Ashby and Margaret Wright were special guests for the evening, while Marilyn Judson was the honored girl.

The ward Gold and Green Ball will be held Saturday, March 9. An excellent orchestra will play from 8:45 to 11:45 in a garden setting. It is a budget affair, so all ward members are invited to attend.

Bob Martin has attained the Diamond Master rating with the Oakland Tribune, an honor attained by only one boy in 200. He was honored recently at a dinner at the Hotel Lexington and presented with a gold ring with a diamond setting. Keep up the good work, Bob.

**BISHOP'S MESSAGE**

The bishopric takes this opportunity, thru the Messenger, to send a greeting to all Maxwell Park members who read this column—and, we might add, we hope all our members read it.

Big things are happening in the ward these days, and everyone is spreading the word. We know you have heard Maxwell Park is going to build in 1952! Many times have the members, active and inactive, said to the bishop, or his counselors, or his ward teachers, "When you are ready to build, just call on us; we

## Oakland Stake News

By MILDRED FONTANA.

January 2 the Oakland Stake Genealogical Committee held a pot-luck dinner at Elmhurst ward. The program was excellent as was the dinner from the fried chicken to the desert.

Veda Linford entertained the Relief Society stake board at a luncheon February 14 in honor of our stake chorister, who is moving away. Past President Hilda Perkins was a special guest.

Elder Finch of Oakland ward has just returned from the Argentine Mission. He says that the people of that great southern nation are learning to lean on the Lord in prayer. He reminds us that we must work for whatever we receive but that prayer is also one of the highest forms of work.

Don Weiland of Dimond ward has been in Korea for almost a year. Good fortune came to him as soon as he reached that country inasmuch as he was promoted to be a sergeant and was transferred from the infantry to the First Marine Division in communications. This gave him a chance for schooling and also placed him behind the lines in the message center. Word has just been received by his parents in Dimond that he should be home this spring. He has seen the terrifying heat of summers over there, but now is dressed in the heaviest winter clothing in weather 15 degrees below zero.

### CHANGES IN STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Released are (1) J. Newell Christensen as first assistant. He has become first counselor in the Alameda ward bishopric. (2) Ann Livingston, who has been called to serve as a stake missionary in Hayward.

The Sunday School stake presidency and board now stand:

Supt. Marcel F. Lauper; First Assistant, Theodore C. Hilton; Second Assistant, Francis Winkel. Board members: James W. Ruff, Bates Brian, Alvin W. Barlow, Ethel Maurer, Zola Tangreen and Maurine Fuhrman.

The annual Sunday School "two-Stake Convention" will assemble March 16, in the Berkeley ward chapel, corner of Vine and Walnut streets, four blocks north of the UC campus.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial service was held Sun-

day, February 1, in Oakland ward chapel for Rex Tony Martin, formerly of Payson, Utah, but who was living in San Leandro with his wife at the time he was drowned in San Pablo bay December 1, 1951. Losing his life at the same time was Tom Gurley, a LDS man from Santaquin, Utah, where he leaves a wife and two children and one expected. His funeral was held the same week as the death. But the body of Rex has not been found.

These two men were on a duck line when the terrible wind that closed the Golden Gate bridge temporarily came up. The boat was capsized. The boys clung to the overturned boat for three and one half hours. A third man held on for another half hour and was rescued. Our sympathies are extended to both the families.

The High Priests of the stake held a very successful party February 9, consisting of program, dancing, refreshments and visiting.

President Wright took a plane trip of three weeks to the Hawaiian Islands in connection with business for his company, the Sperry Flour company of General Mills company. He left at about the time that his wife Gertrude, returned home from a visit in Texas where she went to welcome a new member of their son's family in that southland state.

Lorenzo Hoopes of the stake High Council left February 20 for Harvard University where for the next four months he will pursue advanced studies in management training for executives. All expenses are paid by his firm, the Safeway Company.

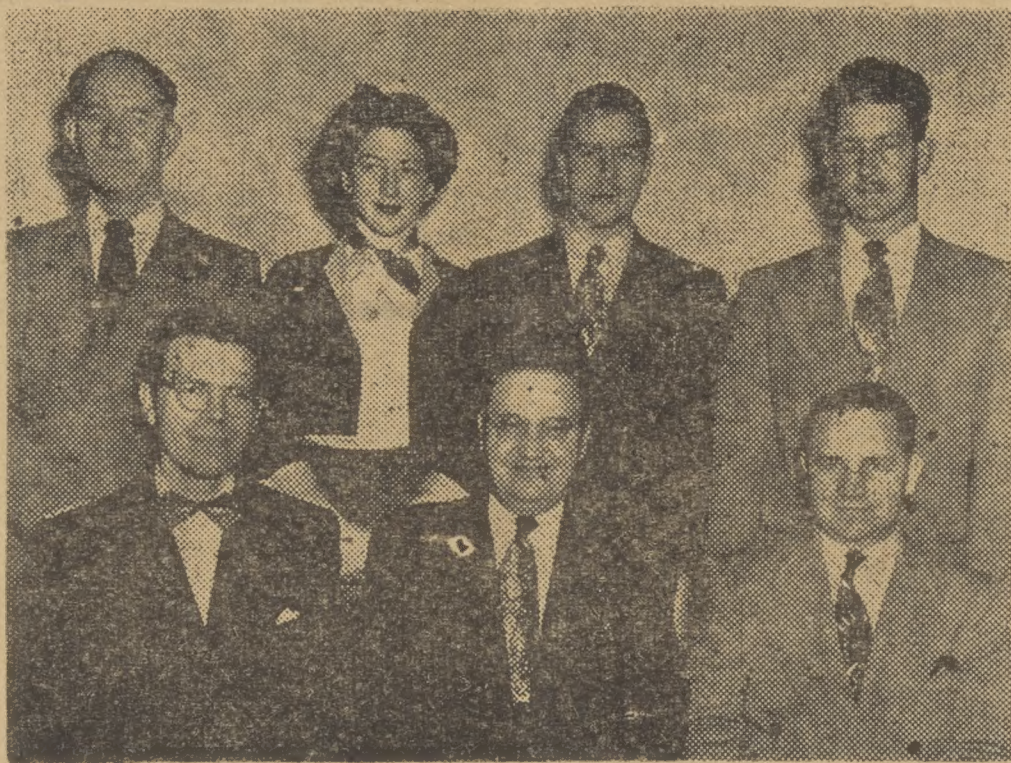
Elder Bruce Morgan is now at home from his mission in the Southern States where he received an honorable release. Movell White, son of Leon White of Hayward, the flying insurance executive flew home from his South American Mission.

It is learned that Archie Inger's beautiful story of the Christ, "The Rejected Crown," is being printed in another edition in the East and will soon be available again to meet the constant demand for new copies.

will be ready to help." Many have said that they would come to church more often if there were no stairs to climb, or if there were better classrooms.

To all you brothers and sisters, we are calling on you now! We are asking you to help us eliminate the stairs and to build better classrooms. The bishopric requests that you come to church to have a personal discussion on the matter with him and his counselors. He will be there for that purpose at 5 p.m. every Sunday during March, and after Sunday school from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Those who do not come to the bishop can expect him to come to them. There is much to talk about, if we are going to build in 1952. Everyone PLEASE make a special effort to see the bishop at one of the times mentioned above.

—BISHOP BYBEE.



ALAMEDA WARD BISHOPRIC—Seated, left to right: J. Newell Christensen, first counselor; Bishop Arnold B. Bangarter; J. Reed Scow, second counselor; standing, left to right: Allen O. Peterson, Marilyn L. Knowles, Floyd H. Severson and Drex L. Smith, ward clerks. Bishop Bangarter was born in Bountiful, Davis county, Utah, October 26, 1894; went through each division of both the Aaronic and Melchisadek priesthoods, step by step; served the Hawaiian Mission 1916-1922; was present at the dedicatory services of the Hawaiian temple November 27, 1919; Bishop and Sister Bangarter spoke in the first session. He served the Sunday school and Mutual superintendency 34th ward, Salt Lake City; 10 years in home missionary work; and 10 years in adult Aaronic priesthood work in the church; served as ward clerk of Alameda ward from November 1949 until August 1951. On January 20, Alvin W. Barlow and Donald W. Hughes were released as counselors to Bishop Bangarter and J. Newell Christensen and J. Reed Scow were called as first and second counselors, respectively.

### Hayward Ward News

By ANNE LIVINGSTON.

We are happy to see Bill Davis home on a furlough. He is in the air corps and has been stationed in Alaska for the past several months. When he leaves here again he will go to Ohio.

Dovel White, our ward missionary, who has been in Uruguay for the past two and a half years, is expected home. Marsha Stranger, who has been waiting for him all these months is all packed and ready to go to the Temple when he arrives as Dovel will enlist at once in the air force. He has only five days to report to the draft board. We have had reports of the wonderful work that Elder White has done while away.

We are all saddened by the early death of Sister Olive Pugmire. The funeral was held in our chapel. The body was sent to Sandy, Utah, for burial.

Sister Eyo Goettling was operated on January 31. She is reported as being out of the woods. Bill and Edythe Rosenkrans, with their family, have moved back to Hayward. The Relief Society had their turn in Salt Lake. Bill has gone to selling Fuller brushes. We are glad to welcome them back.

The following were set apart as Stake Missionaries: Vivian Nottage, Richard Nelson, Anne Livingston, Brother Smedley, Bro. Owen L. Stewart is to be the district president. The Relief Society had their turn at the Welfare house to sew on the pants project. They fell a little short of finishing their 60 pairs. Please, ladies, come out and help us to do our share. March 17 there will be a dinner for the Relief Society members and husbands at the chapel.

The Genealogy class has been re-organized with Clifford Johnson as chairman with Ernest Goettling and Don Sweet as counselors. Monday night has been set apart as home night. If you would like to have the workers call at your home to assist you in your Genealogical records, please contact Bro. Johnston or one of his helpers.

The MIA is busy practicing another one-act play under the very able leadership of Mary Jane Root. They sponsored a dance Friday night, February 22. Bro. Oxborrow and his band from Centerville gave out with the music.

Bishop Ostler reminds us in the beautiful words of the Savior: "Draw near unto me, and I will draw near unto you." If ever we needed that promise fulfilled we need it now!

### Alameda Ward News

By GAYLEEN CLAYSON.

We thank the many members of our ward who opened their homes for the full-time missionaries during their conference February 13-15.

Alameda's basketball team came to a very close season with Palo Alto February 11. Our team has played a lot of fine games this year and have come a long way.

Alameda's Sweetheart Ball was a very enjoyable event February 15. We thank all those in charge of committees and preparations.

Nyle Severson did excellent work on preparation for our Speech Festival of February 19. The speakers were Marilyn Knowles, Ruth Anderson, Pat Davis, Lawrence Vincent and Gaylene Clayton. Musical num-

bers were by Delia Thiel, Wally Seavers and Gary Powell. The Boy Scouts under their Scoutmaster, Donald Tanner, have been doing commendable work. We are proud to learn that they won second prize for window display during the recent Boy Scout week.

Bruce Morgan was released from the Southern States Mission February 4 after filing an outstanding mission. It is good to see him again. We have three missionaries yet in the field who will enjoy hearing from home friends. See their addresses on the Isabel board.

Lee Meachem has been called to serve as district president of Alameda in the stake mission. Our two new stake missionaries are Gaylene Clayton and Rodney Pocock.

Dwayne and Emerald Suderman, Yvonne and Charles Ruty, Joyce and Warren Houghton have moved from Alameda. All have been active in our affairs. We welcome several newcomers who already have accepted responsibilities. Seymour Murray is our assistant in charge of MIA activities. Elizabeth and Richard Morris are group leaders in the Fireside. Brothers Anderson and Morris are new supervisors in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Rhea Gustafson, president of our YLMA, was presented the girls' award at stake conference for the ward's largest attendance of girls, ages 12-19 in the stake for the past three months. Isabel Buck, our attendance secretary and Marion Jorgenson the age-group counselor in charge of girls' program.

Some of the future events to remember are Alameda's Welfare Bazaar, Friday, April 20, and our Gold and Green Ball, April 4.

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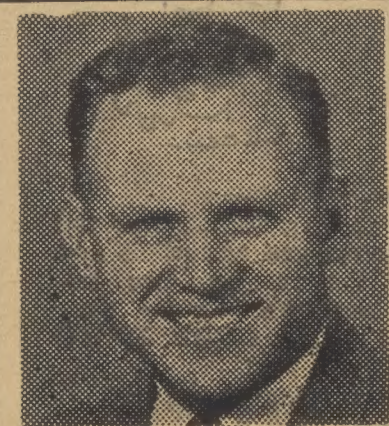
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# Oakland Stake Section

## Humble Thy Soul With Fasting

(Sunday, March 2, brings again the Sabbath for fasting and prayer and offerings).

King David declared (Psalms 35:3) "But as for me . . . I humbled my soul with fasting," and he continues, "I wept and chastened my soul with fasting." 69:10.

Daniel wrote: "I, Daniel . . . set my face unto the Lord God with fasting . . . and to seek (an answer to his petitions) by prayer and supplication. Dan. 9:3.

The prophet Joel's words regarding fasting speak in the name of the Lord: "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn even to me with all your heart and with fasting . . . and turn unto the Lord your God . . . Blow a trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly," Joel 2:12.

Paul urged the Corinthian saints, saying: "Give yourselves to fasting and prayer." When Paul and Barnabas "had ordained elders in every church and had prayed with fasting they commended them to the Lord." Acts 14:23.

Thus both the Old Testament and the New enjoined the duty and pointed the cleansing blessing that comes from sincere and heart-felt fasting and prayer before the Lord our God.

In our day the fast offering is designed to take care of the needy.

• Helen B. Rose of Berkeley ward is now serving as a real estate saleslady in the Gilman street office of Joseph C. Eyring, realtor. The office at 1308 Gilman under the direction of Richard Doolittle for Mr. Eyring is getting off to a good start. Joe's main office still remains at 1654 Shattuck avenue, between Virginia and Cedar.

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## Oakland Stake Conference Thoughts

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now teach this. This is a challenge for us to invite many friends to come with us and see our way of life. Sometimes we speak of eternity, but then chart our lives by only temporal goals.

"It is well to accept the gifts of science and invitation, but the gifts of the spirit are far greater, and are such that we can take them with us into eternity."

"In regard to television in our homes for our young, President McKay says we must help to create a sentiment in their hearts to seek the good that is available and to leave the bad alone." Elder Stapley.

"Never underestimate the power of the devil, nor overestimate the power and strength of your testimony"—quoted by Elder Stockton.

"Sustaining officers means by dictionary definition to support and help by various means. Hence we should follow their advice, and do the duties they may call us to do, and bear no one another's burdens." Elder Hoops.

## Oakland Stake MIA

By Melva Rainey

Oakland Stake Junior Gleaner Chasity Meeting with their Mothers was well represented at the Elmhurst Ward Jan. 29, 1952. The program was under the direction of Melva Rainey, age group counselor in the Oakland Stake and was conducted by Helen Roberts Stake Junior Gleaner Supervisor.

Mary Russel of Dimond ward was guest speaker. Most inspirational and uplifting to all who attended. She told her life story of how she had come to America in her girlhood days to live among the saints in Zion. The lesson on Chasity will long be remembered by all those who attended.

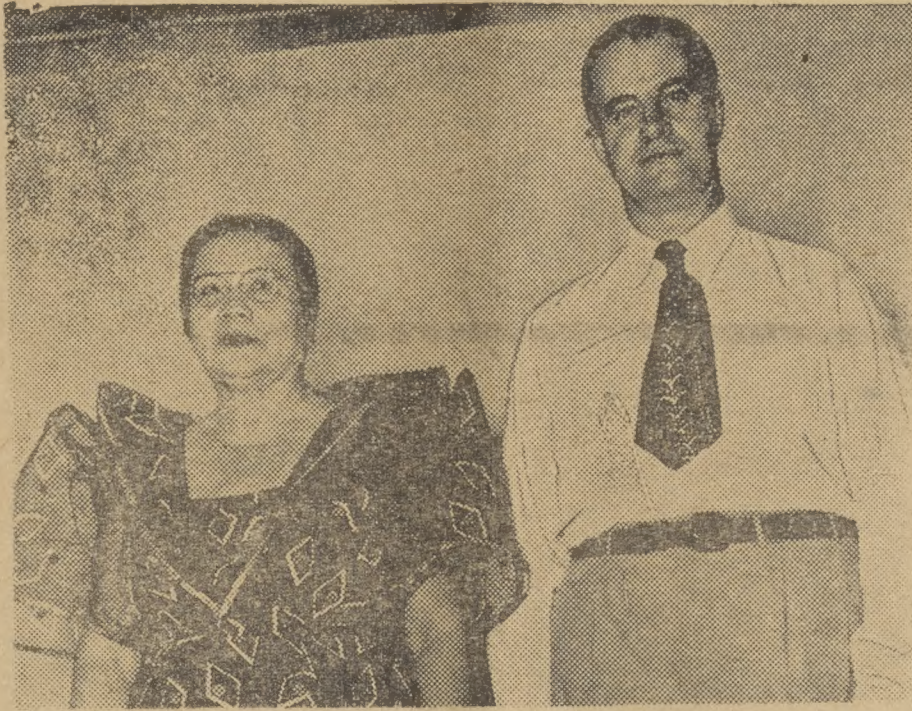
Refreshments were served to over 70 girls and their Mothers.

A beautiful Trophy was awarded for the girls achievement program Sunday night at the Stakt Conference MIA sessions, Alameda ward girls winning the first award of the new program. The achievement being figured by attendance to all the LDS meetings, Sunday School, Sacramento and MIA. Marion Jorgensen, age group counselor in Alameda who has previously been stricken with Polio and has done such a magnificent work since she has been confined to her wheelchair, was paid a lovely tribute by Melva Rainey who awarded the trophy.

The Stake MIA of the Young Women's Oakland Stake has had a change in their Stake Presidency. Pearl Hatfield has been released as activity Counselor. Trieste Hall has recently been sustained to fill the position.

We are making a plea to the parents and all of the older people to come out and help support your MIA in all the wards. They need your assistance and interest to help put over the important program that the General board has outlined for

the growth of all Latter-day Saints. There is no better way to keep our youth happy and contented than to show your interest in their problems and their joys. The Special Interest classes have an important part in our MIA. We feel sure if you would come out and join your girls and boys in this program you would be edified in your efforts. Let's all live and learn with our young people.



**PHILIPPINE CONVERT**—Pres. Vinal G. Mauss of the Japanese Mission and Mrs. Anacita Fajardo, attend the meeting at which a Philippine Church organization was set up. Mrs. Fajardo is one of the few Filipinos to belong to the Church.

## Livermore Br. News

### BRANCH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you counted your many blessings lately? Have you all that you want? If not, please get in touch with the Livermore Branch for there are many blessings waiting for you.

Yes, dear Brother and Sister, there are blessings at your doorstep if you will only open the door to them. We have a wonderful Sunday School, Primary and Relief Society and there is a place in each group for you. The Lord says that Faith without works is dead. I know that you have the faith so let us all get together and do the work the Lord has asked us to do.—Your Branch President, BRUCE W. McLAUGH-LIN.

Bro. Veris Clark has been sustained as the new superintendent of the Sunday School. A new class has been organized, the First Intermediate class with Albert Cooper as teacher. We wish them both joy and success.

March 16 is the date for the Sunday School Convention of the two stakes of Oakland and Berkeley at Berkeley. All connected with Sunday School are requested to keep that date in mind and plan to attend.

The Relief Society greets us with the good news that their conference is set for March 2. A special program has been prepared so that all will be enjoyed by those who attend.

March 14 has been reserved by the Relief Society for a potluck dinner followed by square dancing. This is the R. S. anniversary. All members with their husbands and all the friends they can bring are invited. Merle Creager is in charge of arrangements.

The Primary reports a very good response to their "penny drive." The Zion's boys and girls group will be taught now by Betty Dunton. On February fast day one of the first babies in the branch was blessed and named Mark Clair; he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Sunton.

February saw new families added to our roster. They are the Everett Keith Berensens and their two sons, of Pleasanton, and the Dwain Meak family of seven. We welcome them into our membership.

Mrs. Fay Kern was honored at a stork shower February 8, given by Sylvia Wardell, Mary Nelson and Barbara Clark.

Sister Leona Webb of Hayward came to our branch and demonstrated cake decorating in January at a session held at Della McLaughlin's with a record attendance of 14.

## Elmhurst Ward News

By JANETH EVANS.

### BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The Bishopric is very proud of the accomplishments of the young men of this ward who hold the Aaronic Priesthood. During the course of the past month, a very close check was made by coordinator, Glen Rounds, of the record of activity of each of these young men in order to give some recognition of those whose activity has been outstanding.

Altho high levels of achievement were given to the parents of these young men for encouraging them, nevertheless, it has been the young men, themselves, who have performed tasks assigned. If they had had no desire to be of service—little service would have been performed.

May the best of God's blessing be upon you young men as you continue to progress. May you be granted strength to overcome temptation, discouragement or stumbling blocks that others may thrust in your way. YOUNG BRETHREN—WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.—The Bishopric.

### MUTUAL

The MIA Special Interest Class presented "An Evening of Music" on the 19th of February. A change in the presidency of the YWMA and YWMAA retirees Clyde Chambers, who has served well in the capacity of the Young Men's president, will be replaced by Brother Sessions. Brother and Sister Sessions have just moved into the ward and already are doing fine work in the M Men and Gleaner Class.

Sister Blanch Jacobs has also devoted much time and energy to seeing that the Mutual program progressed satisfactorily. Sister Rayna Brush, we feel sure, is going to be a fine new president for the young women. We look for big things from the Mutual this coming year.

### WARD TEACHING

We are happy that Brother Raymond Pollock is to be the new Supervisor of Ward Teaching in the Elmhurst ward. Brother Pollock's enthusiasm and willingness are very commendable.

### SEMINARY

The Seminary was honored to have two missionaries—Brother Mason and Brother Neilson at their morning meetings; they offered a great deal of information and sound advice to the students.

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### SACRAMENT MEETING

Our Sacrament Meetings are no better or worse than the people who support them. If we as members of the ward are enthusiastic and willing to support the Bishopric by attending these important meetings—then the Bishopric will naturally strive to make the meetings even more interesting. To make our meetings more interesting is the goal of our Bishopric—let's support them and gain this valuable experience of

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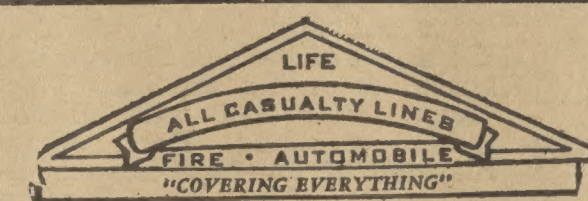
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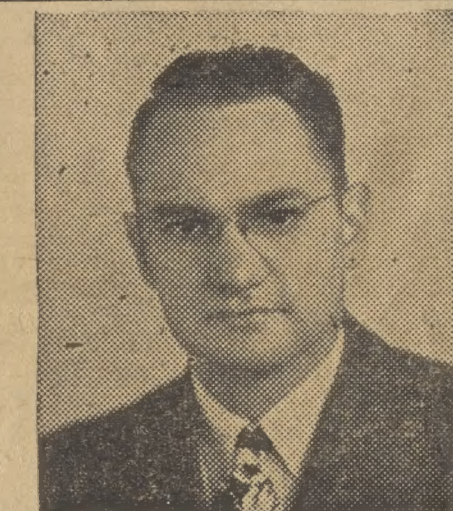
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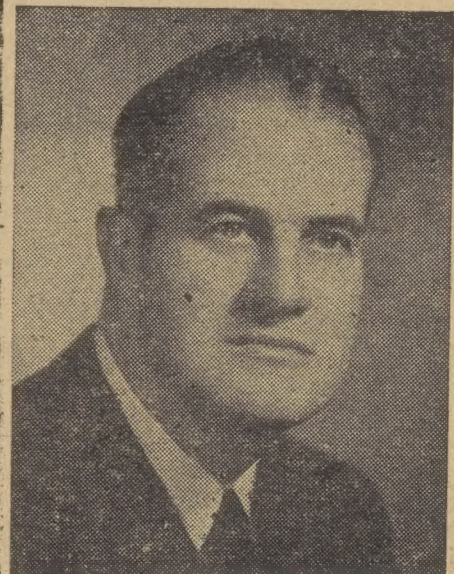
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Bus. News Notes

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to the used car business after four years selling new cars in Richmond, and before that several years traveling for the International Harvester Co. Jack tells us that he features fine used cars and stresses the fact that his interest rates are low, and that you choose your insurance broker.

• Elise C. Fuller of Richmond has recently returned from five weeks at St. George, Utah where she attended to some business affairs and did temple work. She reports no snow there, that she went without a coat for most of the time, that St. George is a busy small town, and that the attendance at the temple is very good.

• One of the major businesses of the Northern California region is the Chip Steak company of Oakland owned and operated by the Cheney brothers with Vao Cheney as general manager aided by Ade Schipper, office and sales manager, and Don Urton, production manager. Ronald Cheney of Santa Rosa is one of the many distributors over the state from Bakersfield north to the Redwood empire. The pert delivery trucks of Chip Steak company are a common sight in the cities and towns of the state wherever one goes. Now this prosperous company announces the opening of their new modern home at 958 77th Avenue, Oakland, an efficient plant covering over 14,000 square feet. "This is believed to be the largest plant in the nation exclusively for processing specialty steak products." A pretty illustrated folder is in the mails inviting all to call for a "red plush carpet tour of our new plant."

• Verland Christiansen of Walnut Creek ward, explorer troop chairman and formerly in the ward's Sunday School superintendency has recently been advanced by his company, the great intermountain trucking firm whose huge P.L.E. vehicles are so common on the Utah-California run. Bro. Christiansen now steps from the position of personnel director to that of vice president Industrial Relations.

• Roy Clovis, our El Cerrito house painter and decorator, recently did a paint job on some wicker furniture for Mrs. Rachael Ball, and also papered a bedroom for her. Rachel is more than complimentary over the artistic skill with which both jobs were executed.

• Helen Clovis has made appearances on television on Station KPIX. Her partner was Jean Prentice at the Hammond organ. Moreover, it is now proper to announce that this gifted couple of entertainers are available to play for luncheons, fashion shows, etc. It is said that they have a fine act and can supply the best in real entertainment. Their repertoire includes anything from the classics to pop. These ladies are good union members, and are willing to quote prices to anyone interested.

• Manton Moody is one among many who feel that the enlarged Messenger is an improvement and has written us a word of compliment. Everyone knows the most modern and efficiently managed Hillcrest Motel which Manton owns and operates at 2400 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. Its rooms compete with San Francisco's Nob Hill hotels in every appointment including room radios.

• Our people in San Leandro should be fully aware by this time that Rulon and May Knowles proprietors of General Saw and Lawnmower Service in San Leandro are really supplying top service for saws and power lawnmowers. They have new shiny Reo Royale Power lawn mowers ready for instant delivery. Our members could well afford to spread the word among their non-member friends because Bro. and Sis. Knowles (their membership is in Alameda ward where both are very active) are most expert in their field, and have the best equipment for service for saws and mowers in the East Bay area. If you have opportunity, you will truly enjoy a visit with them in their excellent shop at 995 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro. They service the saws for large contractors and saw mills, as well as the home saws of you and me.

• Del Rock, proprietor of the thriving Low Cost Drug on the

Rodeo Branch News

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and Sister J. C. Wanlass from Utah are here with their sons and families, the Ruel and M. L. Wanlasses. We are glad to have them with us again.

The Mutuals are preparing for their gold and green ball to be held March 14.

Members who attended the Missionary Conference of Northern California, were well rewarded by the spiritual feast provided by the Elders' testimonies.

Sister Ellsworth has been providing floral arrangements for our meeting hall ever since she was converted to the Church. Even in the winter she has brought flowers from her garden Sunday after Sunday, though at times she has had to walk and carry them. We appreciate and enjoy the beauty of the blossoms and the color they lend to our otherwise drab hall. Thanks, Una, for your thoughtfulness.

With the Berkeley Stake Conference talks still burning brightly in our memory, I shall close with one of the very worthwhile gems given by Elder Clifford E. Young. "Where there is no wood, the fire goes out. Where there is no tale bearer there strife ceases."

corner of Shattuck and University, Berkeley, in a talk before the MIA in Berkeley Jan. 22, said he has found that among those who are apprehended in the store for thievery has been none who are active in such organizations as Mutual and other church activities. The night of his talk he had just come from interviewing two teenagers who had been caught stealing.

• The friends of Bro. and Sis. A. C. Watkins sorrow with them at the second loss of a child within two years. Their daughter Carol, born one week after the death of the son Melvin, was buried from the Robinson Mortuary January 26 with Bishop Bybee presiding. Pres. James Blaisdell of Fairfield Branch also spoke since the Watkins family, tho formerly of Maxwell Park ward, have resided in Vacaville for the past two years.

• Mrs. Ruby Enos formerly of Santa Rosa together with our old Claremont ward friend, Henry Enos, who sometime ago moved to Santa Rosa and married Ruby, announce that they are now proprietors of "The Cottage Rest Home", a licensed home for elderly men at Box 315 Graton Road, Sebastopol, Calif. This lovely rural place is sure to be a real rest home for anyone who is fortunate enough to come under the loving and efficient care of the Enos couple. We know for we have been entertained by Henry and Ruby. No finer, happier and more kindly people are to be found the wide world round.

• Rad's Jewelry in the 10th Street Market is owned and run by Conrad Barber of Diamond ward. He reports that the major repair job that a jeweler gets is watch cleaning; that the name brand watches sell best, all well-known makes going about equally well; that he has some excellent, thoroughly reconditioned used watches for as low as \$7.50; that he has a \$750 electronic time-testing device which really helps in keeping watches on the spot; that wrist bands are also a steady seller in any jewelry shop.

• When one of our LDS business men does over \$500,000 in business in one year it is real news, isn't it? Well, the person we have in mind now is Don L. Kimball, grandson of Pres. Heber C. Kimball, once of the Twelve and counselor to President Brigham Young. Don did a business in selling trailers of over \$500,000 in 1951 besides the business of his Peek-a-Boo Auto Court. He deals only in America's finest trailer coaches as Pan American, Terra Cruiser and Viking which one sees so strikingly at Don's two locations, 1600 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, and 15900 East 14th St., San Leandro, on the highway midway between San Leandro and Hayward. Don is proud to be a member of the Church his grandfather did so much to establish in the early days. He has recently purchased for over \$50,000 the Ray Auto Park in San Pablo.

• The Mylan Healy family of Orinda, formerly of Elmhurst ward where Mylan served in the bishopric, are busy people. Margaret has been a leader in organizing, and has been the first teacher in the Orinda LDS Primary which now meets weekly with 17 children at the Orinda Community church. But besides all this work, Margaret is an efficient realty saleslady of

Santa Rosa Stake Conference

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The observatory contains a 6-inch refractor-type telescope that magnifies from 36 to 288 times, according to the lens used, Prof. Eastmond said.

Berkeley First Ward

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busy at the welfare center making pants.  
The Relief Society holds its annual birthday party on March 18. Margaret Eife will give the literature lesson on "The Life and Works of Charles Lamb," followed by a social period.  
Officers and teachers of the MIA of the Berkeley First and Second wards got together for a jolly Valentine party on February 14.  
The YWMLA welcomes five new teachers: Ruby Miller as Beekeeper, Velde Johnson as Junior Gleaner leader, Nadine Rock as Gleaner leader, Roma Sabine as assistant MIA Maid leader and Pat Patterson as attendance secretary.  
We are proud of our Junior Sunday school. Marjorie Pyle and her staff of excellent teachers are doing a splendid work for our very young members. The First ward, in charge of the Junior Sunday school during stake conference, reported an attendance of over 150 children.  
Berkeley First again has a ward choir. Under the direction of Andy Gardner the new choir made its first appearance this month and won the commendation of those who heard it. If you can't join the choir yourself, come to sacrament meeting and hear the fine music it provides.  
Elder Ronald Stone has been made a counselor to the president of the Argentine Mission. Ward members share the pride of Brother and Sister Stone in the outstanding work Bud has been doing on his mission.

Orinda property and homes. Those in the "know" praise her helpfulness in this line also.  
• Mitola Brinton who writes insurance for the New York Life dropped this comment of the enlarged December issue of the Messenger: "The last Messenger was very interesting and good. Just turn a page and there was a good story." Thanks, Milt. We wish we had space for some of your famous, side-splitting Idaho fishing and camping stories. O, meee.

Berk. Stake News

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home with us again, and to hear their inspiring words and feel their spirits. Our great missionary system is truly a two-way service. The missionaries take God's word to the nations; the elders return and bring to their communities much in the way of culture, education and new points of thought.  
**RELIEF SOCIETY TEACHERS ARE GOOD NEIGHBORS**  
Our visiting teachers make contacts that make for nearness and friendliness among neighbors. The Berkeley stake visiting teachers' convention was held Feb. 1 in Berkeley under the theme, "The Universal Neighbor." The speakers, Marie Barker of Martinez and Alta Magley of Pittsburg, gave impressive talks.

DAUGHTERS OF THE UTAH PIONEERS

The Berkeley camp celebrated its 15th birthday at the home of Lenore Hall. A birthday cake was furnished by Daughters Edna Brinton, Ida Holmes and Lenore Hall.

RELIEF SOCIETY

Union meeting will be held Friday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the Berkeley chapel.  
The different ward societies are busy preparing their Sunday evening programs for Mar. 2, with the theme, "The Family Hour." They are also busy on their annual birthday parties which will be held during the week of March 17.  
With the first of the ward conferences for 1952 beginning with Claremont ward the first week in March, a new program based on "Reverence" is being formed to be carried out in each ward.

With the 1952 welfare budget consisting of nearly 1000 pairs of men's and boy's corduroy and covert pants, Ellen Hadlock, stake R. S. welfare counselor, and Addie Stoddard, work director, are faced with a full-time job for the first five months of the year. They are at the welfare sewing center five days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to supervise the women as they come from the wards in turn. The only pay for these women is the joy and satisfaction of seeing a big project well done.

Nine or ten women can be actively engaged in this very interesting project every day, six of them operating the power machines, two at the "serger" and "bar-tacking" machines, while others are cutting. It is with some amazement and always satisfaction that one views the professional looking garments that are turned out under Ellen's and Addie's cheerful, patient supervision.

Each ward is scheduled for two days of each month until June. An average of 50 or 60 pairs of pants are completed each week. Richmond ward recently set a record for a day's work by completing 110 side pockets.

If you haven't yet taken your turn at the welfare sewing center, please get in touch with your Relief Society president right away. There remains about 700 pairs yet to be completed.

SIXTH ELDERS' QUORUM PROJECT

This alert Martinez ward quorum of elders has taken several projects: A food project where in orders are taken for case lots of canned foods; a church book selling project; a building project now centering in helping build the Claremont ward chapel at 2334 Stuart street, Berkeley; but also including the completion of the Martinez ward auxiliary building which will house a woodworking shop as well as class rooms; watering trees and shrubs weekly at the Pittsburg chapel; a book binding project is now awaiting development.

BERKELEY STAKE HOLDING AARONIC PRIESTHOOD AWARD FESTIVAL

Berkeley stake will hold its annual youth award festival Saturday, March 8, at 7:30 in the Berkeley chapel. An evening of frolic, fellowship and free food will be shared by the youth of our stake. All Aaronic priesthood boys, and all girls through 18 are invited to extend this special event in honor of those quorums and groups

Fairfield Br. News

DOROTHY BLAISDELL, Reporter.

How little it costs, If we give it a thought, To make happy some heart each day!  
Just one kind word or a tender smile  
As we go on our daily way.  
An evening of entertainment was held in the Branch Friday night, February 22, under the sponsorship of the Elders' Quorum, and Leader George Herron. The festivities began with a fine ham dinner prepared by the women of the Branch, and followed by a musical program arranged by the Elders. President Alden Blaisdell sang a fine number, accompanied by Sister Blaisdell; the Campbell Sisters sang three numbers, Sister Mable Hardy gave a clever reading, and balance of entertainment was supplied by Brother Nico Snel and son, Nico, Jr., from Walnut Creek. Nico, Jr., played a number of beautiful violin selections, accompanied by his father. Concluding the program, Brother Snel, Sr., played a medley of hymns in his inimitable way. More than 40 Elders and their wives attended and agreed that the Elders had "started something." More of these meetings are contemplated.

In connection with Mutual on February 12, under the direction of the Branch Presidency a testimonial was held for Bro. Glen Hill, who has been a visitor in our Branch for the past two, or three months. He is the son-in-law of Bro. and Sis. H. E. Nelson, who are members of our branch. Bro. Hill received his call from his home ward in Boise, Idaho, to go from there in near future to Salt Lake City, prior to leaving for a two years mission to the Eastern States.

The Relief Society monthly work meeting was held on February 12. The Valentine motif prevailed at the luncheon which was served at one o'clock. Under direction of Second Counselor Sister Lolita Gillen, a number of the ladies worked on beautiful taffeta pillow tops while others continued quilting. Sis. Gillen has any number of clever ideas that she will give instructions on. Come out and take advantage of this if you are interested in making gifts or articles for your own use.

We enjoyed very much the messages brought to us from the High Council Advisor, Bro. Howard Hacking and High Priest President Bishop Henry Neerings. Sis. Neerings sang two beautiful solos, which were enjoyed by all present.

Sis. Lois Hunter, president of the Primary, and her counselor, Sister Phyllis Heggessy, presented a little program in connection with Sacrament on February 10, to tell of the need of birthday pennies. Mother, send your children to Primary and assist them to remember their birthday gifts. Help a child in need.

At Mutual February 19 Dr. A. B. Howe presented the Boy Scout Charter to the Institutional Representative of the Branch, Pres. J. A. Blaisdell, in behalf of our Boy Scouts.

George and Lola Herron are the proud parents of ANOTHER girl—born February 17. Baby's sisters are Sandy, Vicky and Georgene.

which have made outstanding achievements during the year 1951. A skit will be presented by each ward as part of the fun.

LDS Institute of Religion, Berkeley

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the church, and Barbara Green were married this month. They returned recently from Carmel where they spent part of their honeymoon.

A lonely hearts party was held this week at the institute. "Parsons" Kenner, Waters and Vic Cline mended the broken hearts. Things worked in reverse as there were three men present for every woman.

Lamba Delta Sigma chose the spring officers this past week; Alpha chapter: Morris Cline, Dean Madsen, Dave Fry and James Norberg. Omega chapter: Martha Braby, Barbara Pimental, Mary Aschmann and Mary Simons.

Our university wrestler, Julian Sanders, motored to Ukiah this past week and blessed his little niece. Success, little lady, we will meet you at Cal in 18 years.

Our congenial member of Lamba Delta Sigma, Norman Waters, received a three column publicity assist from the Sacramento Bee this past week. It told the facts of Norman's venture into India and his work for the USDA as he walked ten thousand miles and traveled in a jeep 28,000 miles searching for scientific specimens. He found them and will use much of the data in connection with his PhD dissertation. Best of all, he pays tribute to the people of India for their unexcelled hospitality toward a lonely Mormon lost among hundreds of millions.

A reception was given this week by the Wood family for Jodine Janish and Don Wood who were married in the Salt Lake temple. The young couple left for Puerto Rico where Capt. Don will fly for Uncle Sam. Success to you youngsters.

Robert Anderson, Norman Waters and George McGimsey were chosen to act as our "bishops" for the Sunday evening services.

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# SAN FRANCISCO STAKE SECTION

## S. F. Stake News

By JEAN LAUPER

Late in January President and Sister Barton undertook a sad journey to Utah. Sister Barton's mother, Mrs. Louie Snelgrove Richards had passed away January 26 at the age of 95. Sister Richards, who was a woman of brilliant intellect, was recognized as an authority of early Utah history. She was survived by four sons and five daughters, all of whom attended the funeral, held January 30. The following day Sister Barton's brother, Preston D. Richards passed away quite suddenly. Brother Richards was prominent in church and civic affairs, and was nationally noted as a constitutional lawyer. He was a leader in many important fields, and under President William Howard Taft served as assistant solicitor of the State Department. In 1950 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator. His services were held Monday, February 4 in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square. The Bartons, with her sister, Mrs. George Eldredge, of Balboa Ward, returned to their homes at the end of the week. Our sympathy goes out to these families in their double loss.

Two of the biggest events of the year take place in March when MIA sponsors the Gold and Green Ball and the M Men and Gleaners hold their annual banquet.

The Gold and Green Ball will be held March 14 in the Stake Recreation hall. During the evening the stake queen is chosen from the ward queens already crowned in their Sweetheart balls.

The M Men-Gleaner banquet will be held March 29 in the Nob Hill room of the Fairmont Hotel. After dinner is served, and entertainment enjoyed, there will be dancing to Ray Hacketts music.

The Young Womens stake board proudly announces that two new babies have been born to recent members. Helen Whatcott has become the mother of a son, her first child, and Honey Cook has a new daughter.

Their many friends were deeply saddened by the news that Wayne and Virginia Peterson lost their second little son Kevin, January 14, after a brief illness. Wayne was on the Stake High Council while studying dentistry in San Francisco, and Virginia held the position of counselor in the Stake MIA. The Petersons have been making their home in Payson, Utah. Little Kevin, who was only two years old, is survived by his parents, and older brother, and baby sister. He was buried in Salt Lake City.

President Gladys Winters of the Stake Relief Society announces an addition to her board. Sister Jacketta Quealy has been set apart as a member. In addition to other responsibilities, she will be in charge of the board's social activities. Sister Quealy's talents in this field are well known. Acting in this position in Sunset ward, her beautifully decorated tables were enjoyed by the Relief Society women on many occasions. Most recently she arranged and decorated the tables for the Sunset Silver anniversary party.

Because the wards are holding commemorative services in March, there will be no Stake party this year. However, during union meeting, March 13, the anniversary of the organization will be reorganized and refreshments will be served.

Sister Bernice Kramer, secretary of the Stake Primary announces the results of the Childrens Friend drive of last month. The stake reached 81 per cent of its quota. Not perfect, but very good. Mission Ward, however, reached 100 per cent and so will be listed on the honor roll of this Jubilee Year.

February is the month of the traditional penny appeal. In 1922 sister Nella Talmage, a member of the General Board, with her husband Sterling Talmage, worked out the mathematical possibilities of each person in the church giving a penny for each year of their life, yearly. The results were staggering. She took the idea to Sister Louie B. Felt, general president and it was put into effect as a yearly drive.

This money goes to care Primary organization to care for the children in the Primary Hospital in Salt Lake City. A few weeks ago the children were taken from the old building they acquired and to the new million and a quarter dollar hospital opened recently. Fully one half of the building cost was raised and donated by the Primary boys and girls during their penny drive. An unmeasurable amount of good is done for the children of the church thru this yearly drive.

At Primary Leadership meeting February 18 a new board member was introduced. Sister

## Lack of Affection and Companionship Undermine Children's Character-Building

"Lack of affection and lack of companionship are the two greatest deficiencies in the character-building diet of American children today," W. Cleon Skousen, executive secretary of the BYU and of the BYU Alumni Association told members of the BYU Newcomer's Club recently in his discussion, "Psychology of the Juvenile."

According to Mr. Skousen, American parents are usually too busy trying to provide for the family. They seldom save out any time for "raising" the family. American children are lonely. They are being shoved off to school, shoved off to a picture show, locked outside, or delegated to a television program. Nothing scars the life of a youngster so deeply as the feeling that he is not wanted.

The penitentiaries and reform schools of the nation are populated to a large extent with youthful citizens whose parents either neglected them or learned too late what it takes to raise an honest young American," Mr. Skousen said.

Mr. Skousen declared that "education for parenthood is a neglected field in our American School program. In responding to this need, the new Family Life Institute at the Brigham Young University should make a great contribution to the inter-mountain region."

Mr. Skousen has a wide background in juvenile psychology. He functioned as a trained specialist for the FBI in this field during the past six years; he was a federal government representative in setting up the Juvenile Crime Controls Schools in California during 1949 and 1950; He addressed Juvenile Schools and conferences in various parts of the country as part of his FBI assignments; he was principal speaker at the Governor's Youth Conference held in Phoenix last November.

## San Francisco Stake Conference Convenes

Saturday, Sunday  
March 22 and 23  
at the Stake House  
22nd and Lawson, S. F.

A full attendance at these vital sessions is enjoined on all. Authorities from Salt Lake City will present gospel messages.

Alice Hansen of Sunset ward. Sister Hansen will work in the Home Builder Dept. and will surely make a fine contribution there. At this meeting were 40 officers and teachers. High council representatives Frank E. Young Jr., was present. 12 children were cared for. A gala party is planned by the Primary Presidency for all Primary workers and their partners, both ward and Stake, on March 28 at the stake house. Save this date.

It is customary for the Primary organization to ask yearly for various articles of clothing needed for the Childrens hospital in Salt Lake City. These items need not be new, but should be in good condition. If you have on hand, or your children have outgrown any of those listed below, please give them to any Primary officer, ward or stake, who will send them on.

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Almost time for Stake Conference again. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23. Lets break all previous records and fill the Stake House to overflowing.

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## San Francisco Stake Social Calendar

The three big events of this month are:

Stake Green and Gold ball March 14, at the stake house, 22nd Ave. and Lawton St. A formal party. Wear your prettiest dresses.

A special Gold and Green Ball for teen ages. This will be held March 15. Same decorations, too. These parties are lots of fun.

The stake M Men-Gleaner banquet. This will be held in the Nob Hill room of the Fairmont hotel, and should be a wonderful evening for the young people of the stake. Delicious food, entertainment and dancing will follow. Buy your tickets from M Men or Gleaner officers.

Folk dancing at the stake house March 10, 24 and 31; also April 7 and 14. This is fun.

April is a big month for the MIA Maids who will hold their Prom on Saturday, April 12. And the Jr. Gleaners and Jr. M Men who will hold elections for stake officers some time during the month. Watch for the date, and see the best man, (and girl) win.

## Balboa Ward News

By MRS. CAROL STORM.

Balboa ward held their Sweetheart Ball February 15. Dorothy Simister, who has so gracefully reigned for the year 1951 stepped down to allow our new 1952 queen, Alice Jensen to occupy the throne for her year. Among other girls eligible and presented were Jean Bracken and her sister, Joanne Bracken (who have recently moved into our ward). Barbara Patchen, also a new warder from Mission ward and a convert to the Church. We are proud of our girls and know they will keep up the good work. Refreshments added their mite to an enjoyable evening.

Douglas Houlik, son of Leon and Marjorie Houlik of our ward has been made principal of Park Merced school. Success to you Douglas and congratulations to the parents.

A happy event was the exchange of marriage vows in S. L. temple between Ver Lorne Freebairn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sheets Freebairn of Salt Lake City and our Dale Pearson, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Vance Pearson of San Francisco. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Freebairn home in Salt Lake. Standing with the happy couple at the reception were the Paul A. Freebairn, Marilyn Lindsay and Madelyn M. Peterson, formerly of Sunset ward, now of Salt Lake City, also helped. Ver Lorne, recently served as a stake missionary and has attended the U of U and BYU. Dale is a returned missionary and has served in the Balboa MIA presidency. He has attended the College of the Paci-



Ver Lorne Freebairn, of Salt Lake City, who was married recently to Balboa Ward's Dale Pearson in the Salt Lake Temple.

fic at Stockton. After a honeymoon at Carmel-by-the-Sea the couple will reside in Salt Lake City where Dale will finish his studies at the U of U.

## Mission Ward

By MRS. LEON F. LIDDELL.

### BISHOP'S MESSAGE

At the beginning of the year it was our announced purpose to increase our attendance and activity in every organization within the ward. It is pleasing to note the improvement already and we urge all of our members to continue your efforts in this way. Be missionary minded—live the gospel daily that you might spread the truth by your actions as well as your words. Invite your friends to attend our services. Remember always, that we are "few among many" to disseminate the precious truths that have been revealed in these last days. "Let your light so shine that men may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."—Mission Ward Bishopric.

Saturday evening, February 9, Elder Eli Teo and family entertained over 300 friends from the Bay Area in the Mission Ward at an "Alga." This is a traditional Samoan Feast of Thanksgiving to God for the safe return of two of his sons, Eliga Tulesu and Vine Edwards from the Korean battle front. The boys have been with the U. S. Infantry in the combat zone for almost 16 months. Chief Matalolo, from Aua village in Samoa, was a special guest, present for the occasion.

The entire evening's program was given by 17 Samoan people. The Teo family, assisted by the Webster and Davidson families, formed a delightful and colorful choir. Each singer wore a yellow lei and each lady wore island flowers in her hair. Brother Eli Teo directed the choir in singing favorite Samoan hymns.

Both Eliga and Vine bore humble testimonies of God's watchful care over them while in almost constant peril. They told of their father's blessing and promise to them when they left for the battle front, that if they were faithful to their God they would return unharmed. The boys told of fasting on many different occasions (even when on strict field rations), along with their families for fasting for them at home. Eliga stated that never had he prayed so unceasingly for guidance. They gave account of instances when they were entirely cut off from their command, under constant riddling fire, with dead men on every side, when they wondered how it would be humanly possible for them to return safely. But each time, miraculously they were able to find their way back to their own lines. The boys often met with heart-breaking ridicule when attempting to preach the gospel. They were able to touch the hearts of many, however, and both expressed deep appreciation for the knowledge they had of the Gospel truths. Vine was awarded the Silver Star of Merit for courage above and beyond the call of duty. Both boys, in their safe return, are living testimonies of the power of the Priesthood of God.

Native Samoan dances and songs completed the evening's entertainment and a traditional Samoan feast of whole roast pig, long rice and many other choice dishes was served to the large group.

Theodore S. Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. R. Neil, is also home from Korea after spending a year there in military service. He will be permitted to serve in the United States for the next year.

By courtesy of Pan-American Airways we will be privileged to see South America, Hawaii and the beauty of the summer rainbows in Guatemala on Friday evening, March 21, in Mission ward. These excellent color film travelogues will be interesting to the entire family. The Relief Society sisters will display hand-

## Sunset Ward News

### BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Perhaps the most important possession that each of us has is that of life itself; and the most important gift from God to each of us is Life Eternal. These two important items are very closely related to each other. As we guard, protect, and preserve life here we prepare ourselves to partake in greater measure that which the Blessed Savior referred to as the abundant life: Life Eternal.

As we strengthen our position in life, we also help those around us to become stronger; as we live better and follow more nearly the pattern of the Master Teacher, we also help others to live better and draw closer to Him. The Lord in His Wisdom intended that we should influence each other; He has even commanded that we teach each other in His ways. Therefore, we should always remember that others are being influenced by what we do and say.

As children we should recognize that our parents are interested in and concerned about our well being, protection from the evil one, and about our walking in the paths of righteousness.

As parents we should be aware of the evil powers being exerted upon our children to draw them away from the teachings of God. Our example should be worthy of the gospel teachings that our children might follow after. The lessons we teach our children should act as a protection against the ever present evil of the day.

As a March message, to stimulate our thinking and meet the problems of today, we think it is important that we:

"Do not assume that our children are beyond the reach of Satan. Always conduct your family life acting on the fact that Satan stands at the elbow of your dear one to lead him astray."—Pres. J. Reuben Clark.

Aaronic Priesthood activities of the Sunset ward are coming to the front. Many of the young men have resolved to meet the requirements of achievement throughout the coming year. Those who have already achieved these standards during the months of January and February are: Deacons: Robert F. Stein, Richard M. Noyes and Murray Benson. Teachers: J. Bonner Ritchie, Raymond F. Stein, John Starkey, Al Pusey and Gary Boyd. Priests: Warren Siebert, Robert A. Terry, Harry Pitt, James Witherspoon, Ronald Ray, Sherman Draper, Donald H. Redford, Homer Hord and Alvin Merrill. Congratulations to these young men. There are some others who just lacked a better attendance at Sacramento meeting to qualify. Next month we hope to add names to this list.

Babies blessed this month: Ida Jeanne Erik, daughter of Brother and Sister Ben A. Erik; Chas. Wm. Hess, son of Chas. and Elsie Hess; Margaret Ann Salmon, daughter of Robert and Ruth Salmon.

Baptized and confirmed this month: Douglas Aaron, son of Geo. and Oreti Aaron; Ann Sharlene Dowding, daughter of J. Van Tassel and Florence Dowding; Gregory T. Benson, son of Wesley T. and Nell Benson; LaPrele Shaw, daughter of Marshall Lloyd and Bernice Shaw.

Ordinations in the Priesthood: to the office of Deacon, Edward A. Costa, Leland Richard Rowsell; Teacher: Gary Boyd; Priest: Alvin Merrill, Sherman Draper and Donald Redford.

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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world thru Him might be saved.—John 3 14-17.

## Great Challenge to Youth Leadership

"The best insurance for strong character and good citizenship is to surround young people with the kind of adults you want them to resemble when they grow up," said W. Cleon Skousen, BYU executive alumni secretary and former personnel trainer for FBI in Southern California, and LDS author of three church publications.

"Children tend to imitate adults whom they admire more than the associates of their own age," he added. "It is also a well known principal of sociology that criminals tend to become criminals. Not by inheritance, of course, but by the example of the adults among whom they grow up. On the other hand, this same chain reaction can work in the different direction. When children are inspired by proper leadership as a scoutmaster, school teacher, or priesthood leader, they feel the force of an 'upward reach' within themselves, and a desire to emulate these people whom they cannot help but admire," he concluded.

## Introducing an LDS Novelist

Ezra J. Poulson, whose novel "Birthright" is winning recognition, was born in Idaho and educated at the BYU. He is known throughout the West as an educator, newspaper man and writer. His stories, features and articles by the hundreds have appeared in all LDS publications and many Eastern magazines.

"Birthright" depicts life in a Mormon community as the Latter-day Saints themselves know it. It is packed with drama, action and idealism. "You won't want to put it down," says one reviewer, "until you've read every word of it." A Chicago non-Mormon wrote of it, "It's the best story about the Mormons that I have ever read. This book takes the bad taste out of the mouth left from reading a number of other books about the Mormons."

### Carmichael Ward,

### Sacramento, Raises \$750

### Presenting In Concert, Rex And Mary Bolles and Rowene Basinger of the East Bay Wards

January 11, 1952, the LDS chapel, 24th and O streets, Sacramento, was filled to capacity by a host of delighted saints and friends who had assembled in concert to hear three East Bay artists. These talented people are the well known vocalists, Rex and Mary Bolles of Hayward, and their accompanist and assisting piano artist, Rowene Basinger of Berkeley First ward.

The net award to the Carmichael ward building fund was \$620 from total admission receipts of \$750. Perhaps the fact that in Sacramento they have the contracting firm of Leland W. Bolles and his two sons, Jack S. and Neill R., had something to do with the Sacramento people being alerted to the rare talents of these three Bay Area gifted performers.

## Ukiah Ward Home of Mill

The January issue of the PG&E monthly publication which is received by patrons of the PG&E, carried a front page story from Ukiah, Mendocino county, in the Redwood Empire. Ukiah ward is one of the 35 wards and branches that are part of the enlarged Messenger family within the four stakes of Oakland, Berkeley, San Francisco and Santa Rosa.

Therefore, it is interesting to learn that the world famous lumber product "Masonite Pressed-woods" also known as hardboards, is manufactured in Ukiah in a multi-million dollar plant of ten separate buildings on a 116-acre tract. We are told that 500 people are employed in the plant with another 250 engaged in logging and other related occupations. From Ukiah, only a distance of 35 miles, the company owns 70,000 acres of timber land on which the company has built 35 miles of its own roads. This huge corporation operates also in Canada, Australia, Sweden, Italy and South Africa.

● Crawford Gates, formerly of Palo Alto, and now of the BYU music faculty and noted young composer conducted two chorus clinics in Oregon and Idaho in February. At the conclusion of each clinic Mr. Gates conducted the combined choruses of the respective schools in concerts.



ELMO R. SMITH

Elmo R. Smith was born March 22, 1915, at Thornton, Idaho. He graduated from Ricks Junior college in 1935; was in the North Central States Mission 1935-1937; married June Weindorf in the Salt Lake temple on September 24, 1937; graduated from the U. of U. in 1939 with a B.S. in economics; graduated from the U. C. Law school in 1943; practices law in Oakland; in law partnership of Brown, Smith & Ferguson; served as teacher in MIA, S.S., priesthood quorums, as counselor in the Diamond ward bishopric from 1943 to 1948 when selected as ward bishop. Served as bishop until he was sustained as second counselor in the Oakland stake presidency on January 27, 1952. He and Sister Smith are parents of four daughters, aged 11, 5, 4 and 1. His hobbies are limited to church work and reading.

## Berkeley Stake Again

## Will Send Lilies to ..

## April General Conference

"Twenty-five dozen beautiful calla lilies appropriately decorated the rostrum of the Tabernacle during general conference. The traditional gift of thoughtful and generous Berkeley Stake, California, arrived in Salt Lake City in two shipments, one Thursday morning and the other Saturday morning, so that the many vases were always filled with fresh flowers."

On April 11, 1951 the Deseret News carried the story quoted above. The 1951 conference lilies were all contributed by the members without cost. All who are in favor of repeating the decoration for the Tabernacle at the April General Conference, please raise your hands—and then raise your calla lilies.

Wm. Hicken is in charge of the project which has been assigned to the High Priest's Quorum.

## Berkeley Explorers

## Program 1952 Skiing

## Parties for Ages 14-16

By PHIL S. SQUIRES,  
Explorer Advisor

The national Explorer program has been adopted by the LDS Church for its young men, 14-16. The somewhat similar to scouting, Explorers have a number of different features.

For example, the Explorers to a large extent choose and administer their own program, the adult advisor being merely an advisor to the young men. The program is run by and for the Explorers.

They organize four committees within their post: the indoor, the outdoor, the social and the service committees. A young man can get valuable leadership experience by serving as a committee chairman.

Berkeley ward's Explorer post have, since September, put on a house party, a swimming party, an overnight camping trip, while in January they planned for an overnight skiing party. Swimming on each Tuesday of every month for the remainder of the MIA year is also programmed.

The plans for advancement and study are available to an Explorer: (1) continue his merit badge work and become an Eagle Scout; (2) take an entirely different course of study and earn Explorer rating. Ratings available are in the fields of aviation, navigation, communications, outdoor skills, craft skills, physical fitness, seamanship and vocational exploration.

To all young men of ages 14-16 in Berkeley First and Second wards we extend a hearty welcome to come out and join us.

## Book Review

## Great Message of Peace and Happiness

By THOMAS S. FERGUSON

This 28-page booklet by our authority on the Book of Mormon and its evidences both within the book and also as found in archeological discoveries and in documents written by Maya authors came from the press in Salt Lake City late in February 1952.

Designed to help in a new approach to the Book of Mormon as asked of Brother Ferguson by elders in the Northern California Mission recently, this 9x12-inch paper covered publication opens with these words: "May I have a moment to show you some remarkable pictures which tell one of the most important and exciting stories of all time?"

"Many centuries before Columbus there was a wonderful people in Mexico, Central America and Peru. They had majestic buildings, temples, pyramids, palaces. Those in Mexico and Central America had reading, writing and arithmetic. They had a wonderful calendar system much like our own. They were astronomers, farmers, metalsmiths, pottery experts, artists, historians, soldiers and priests.

"Let me show you some of these great buildings left behind them in Yucatan. These buildings date from 1000 A.D., and they still stand. Others much older have been found."

The book then presents 15 full-page pictures of ancient buildings and faces with explanatory comment; four pages of quotations from the earliest histories of Mexico and Central America, which tell the same story as the pictures of a white race of a high culture that built these great structures; and five pages of quotations from the Book of Mormon itself and comments thereon by the author. Closing the booklet is a beautiful full-page picture of Joseph Smith. All Thomas S. would say about the availability of this publication is that he soon will have a supply and that the price will be 60c plus postage, and 50c to the missionaries. The Messenger will try to have a supply also to help out.

## INTERMOUNTAIN NEWS

Culled from the Deseret News Daily

● Idaho's farm income increased four times in the last decade.

● Idaho has cradled one of the most fabulous atomic undertakings of world history during the past two years—a multi-million dollar scheme involving generation of electric power and driving of submarines by atomic energy. This huge project near Arko, Idaho, has stimulated business and population growth in Idaho Falls, Blackfoot and Pocatello.

● Idaho's seed production is very great, producing 85 per cent of the nation's hybrid sweet corn, besides great quantities of certified seed alfalfa, grains, grasses, beans, red clover, etc. Idaho's potatoes are world famous. Now potato starch, meal and flour have appeared.

● Idaho's "rather new" elemental phosphorus, produced in a \$12,000,000 plant west of Pocatello, turns up in new washing machine detergents, such as Tide, Fab and Surt. During the last decade two large Idaho plants have started manufacturing fertilizers from the state's vast reserves of phosphate ores.

● Twenty nine uranium producers in Utah are now receiving incentive bonuses from the Atomic Energy Commission. Colorado reports also 29, Arizona and Montana one each. This is a fair picture of the standing of Utah as a producer of this vital metal in the national defense.

● Standard Oil of California reports that it intends to spend some \$150,000,000 this year in oil exploration and production. The Utah area is included in these plans.

A new 710 miles eight-inch pipe line for oil products from Sinclair, Wyoming to Salt Lake City will be laid in 1952 by the Continental and the Sinclair Oil corporations. Another million will be spent on the oil terminal buildings and facilities in Salt Lake City.

Young Don Staheli of Hurricane, Utah, national president of the Future Farmers, led a delegation of that group in a recent visit to President Truman at the White House, and then closed their convention with a two-weeks tour of the East and Midwest.

● Price, Utah the birthplace of Utah's fighting governor Lee, and also of Berkeley's W. Glenn Harmon was also the natal spot for 38-year old Dean F. Fausett now one of the nation's really great Portrait and landscape artists. His home now is in Vermont, but recently he spent time in Utah painting the portraits of several individuals whose canvases are the basis of the story of Fausett's life in the Deseret News' colored Sunday

## The Religion of Abraham Lincoln

Because Abraham Lincoln was not a member of a church it has been inferred that he was not religious, and not spiritual-minded. Such was not the case, in fact Lincoln was both religious and spiritual-minded to a supreme degree, and a constant reader of the Bible and one who kept very close to the Lord in constant prayer.

As his law partner said, "His practical life was deeply spiritual. He once wrote an essay on 'The Love of God,'" writes Lincoln's friend Mentor Graham, "in which he showed by Biblical references that 'the love of God never fails, and that it is all or none'."

Similarly, when his friend Joshua Speed was in trouble about the Bible, Lincoln told him, "You should not wish to have these things proved to you. Take all of this Good Book upon reason, that you can, and the balance on faith, and you will die a happier and better man."

It is said that Lincoln did not belong to any church but he was far more religious than most churchmen. "Man of logic; man of law," writes Helen Noholay. "There hovered about the mind of Lincoln something greater than both. There is no understanding him if you leave out this quality. IT WAS THEOLOGY, NOT RELIGION, THAT KEPT HIM OUT OF THE CHURCHES."

In this haunting overtone of his Second Inaugural Address is preserved his warning and his wise counsel:

"We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation ever has grown, but we have forgotten God. Intoxicated by unbroken success, we have become too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us now to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

Magazine section. Seven of his beautiful productions are seen. A BYU graduate, he has painted the Duke and Dutchess of Windsor, and many eastern personalities of note. He avoids "so called modern art distortions."

● At Mexico's City College, strangely enough, 75 per cent of the students are from the U. S. or American youths of families living in Mexico for business or diplomatic reasons. Utah furnishes a strong section of the student body. Some Berkeley LDS students have spent summer school time at this College. One attraction is that the American dollar will provide twice as much goods in Mexico as it does here at home.

● Nevada's "New Bonanza" is the title of an illustrated article in the February 1, 1952 issue of the Deseret News regarding Virginia City. The historic mining ghost town is only twenty miles on good roads from Reno, and has become a popular tourist attraction in late years, drawing an average of some 3000 cars daily in the summer time. This gives the town a lot of money since each car on the average spends from \$3 to \$5 in the curio counters, the hotels, and cafes. Lucian Beebe and Charles Clegg, two popular authors make the city their permanent home.

● Jackson Hole in Idaho is becoming famous for its winter sports attractions of grand scenery, skiing and skating, besides fishing thru holes in the ice. Jackson, Idaho is the center of this trade with its fine hotels and having good roads kept open the year around.

● UTAH'S NATIONALLY FAMOUS GOVERNOR, J. Bracken Lee (he hales from Price, Utah, whence came also Pres. W. Glenn Harmon) is dubbed "Utah's Angry Man" in "Frontier" magazine. He constantly campaigns for economy in government spending.

● FOURTEEN UTAHNS have been awarded scholarships to study at Stanford in 1951-52 it was announced August 7.

● THE 3-YEAR REHABILITATION program for Utah's Ute Indians passed the U. S. Senate August 7. Besides allowing each Indian \$1,000 cash from a part of the \$17,000,000 the tribe recently won in a suit over old lands, the bill provides for merging tribal government into local government with the tribe continuing as a business corporation, and present Indian schools becoming part of the state system.

● "THE LAST of the Grizzly Bears," a short story by a native Utahn, Dr. Rav B. West, now English teacher at U. of Iowa, is included in "The Best American Short Stories of 1951." Dr. West, son of Rav B. West, former professor at U.A.C. and bishop in a Logan ward and brother of Dr. Frank West, Church Director of Education, is the author of "Rocky Mountain Stories," 1941; "Rocky Mountain Readers," 1945; and "Rocky Mountain Cities," 1949; and founder and editor of "The Western Review." He also co-authors in "The Art of Modern Fiction" and "Essays in Modern Literary Criticism."

● January 3 the West's newest revolution in higher education, already ratified by state legislature became effective. Under the program youths of the West desiring education not available at home in medicine, dentistry, public health and

## Ukiah the Home of "Golden West Gladiolas"

We've received the catalog of the "Golden West Gladiolas" from our fellow church member and state-wide exhibitor of "glads" at state and county fairs from one end of the state to the other, W. I. Mason of Ukiah ward.

Specialist Mason last year acquired the gladiola portion of the famous Berkely Carl Salback garden business. He now commands an enviable position as a breeder and grower of the "Golden West" strains of gladiolas. His prices are reason for the carefully bred and hand picked large "fat" bulbs that he markets with personal care so as to make the buyer succeed in growing a really superior flower and become a booster for the Mason blooms and bulbs.

Some of his special new varieties have seven-inch ruffled florets on five and one-half inch spikes. This is Brother Mason's seventh year as a breeder commercially. The catalog is full of dry humor also, and may be obtained free for just the cost of a two-cent postal to W. I. Mason, P. O. Box 428, Ukiah, Calif.

From a personal letter to the editor of the Messenger from Bro. Mason, may we quote, "My wife and I first entered an LDS chapel in December 1949. We attended because of the exemplary lives of friends who were Mormons. We were impressed by the testimonies we heard. It was the first time we had ever heard anything like that."

On June 12, 1951, on the 12th anniversary of our wedding, we were sealed in the Salt Lake City temple and our two children sealed to us. My wife now works in Primary and Relief Society. I am in the elders' quorum presidency and first counselor in the Sunday school superintendency.

veterinary science may do their studying at an already established school in one of the co-operating states. Thus eight sparsely-populated Western states would pool their educational resources.

● U. of U. registration 1952 is approximately 7000.

● Salt Lake City has endorsed a three-year program of water purification which includes year-round closing of City Creek Canyon which is entered just north of the State Capitol Building. Thus Rotary Park, a favorite recreation area, will be banned to public use altho \$50,000 has been spent on it. Mayor Glade says Salt Lakers will get the purest water of modern times in 1952.

● On January 8th, 1952 the Deseret News reported that it now has the largest total circulation of any single Salt Lake City-Mountain-West daily newspaper. In just four years the Deseret News circulation has climbed 117.75 per cent. Established by the Church over a century ago the circulation now has passed the 100,000 mark.

● Publication of the "Utah Historical Quarterly" was resumed in January 1952, in place of book-length monographs. "Coin and Currency in Early Utah" and "The Break-up of Isolation in the Great Basin" are two leading articles.

● Lorenzo M. Richards, president of Boyle Furniture, Ogden, Utah and of Richards Candies in Salt Lake City was recently presented the home furnishings industries highest honors, "The Cavalier Award" at the industry's 31st annual dinner in Chicago. He was chosen as one who "thru the conduct of his business best served his industry, his community and his country in the year 1951."

● Ogden is unable to interest anyone in taking over the city bus lines. The present Bus Lines there will quit May 19 because they report having gone in the red for the past two years.

● "Little Miss Utah," Martha Jean Stevens of Salt Lake City, placed among seven finalists in "Little Miss America" contest in Hollywood December 24th from among 1000 contestants for her personality and refreshing beauty. Three of her "brothers have

Jon. H. Weston came to Utah to write up the Mormons for Eastern publications. His research finally led to his conversion.

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A writer and poet by profession, Bro. Weston now is also a publisher and dealer in LDS books, as the next column on this page informs us. He has sent a full supply of his books for Bay Area sales to I. B. Ball, LDS Books and Deseret News, 1612 Spruce Berkeley, Ph. ASH 3-8131.

filled missions and another is now serving in the Uruguay Mission.

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